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The rather exceptional FM conditions prevailed and on Monday, it was no problem to receive many Irish independent stations, from Wexford, North through Dublin and right up to the borders and inland somewhat. Liverpool FM stations posed no problems and PCRL from the Midlands came in, the best ever noted. Stations from further afield (AFN in Germany, and from France) were also very strong for long periods. For anyone with plenty of time, the FM band was a fascinating place, and had been throughout the weekend, as well. Incidentally, for anyone interested, Blackpool to Dublin is about 130 miles, to Birmingham, 120 miles, to Liverpool, about 45 miles.

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NEW MERCHANDISE. From 'Ron's Audio Produkties' comes **"Dutch Caroline Bloopers"** audio cassette tape. This C.60, TDK - AD tape comes from the production studio of former Radio Monique D.J., Ron West and features plenty of '79 Caroline excerpts, in particular, promos and adverts (and many aborted attempts). Very interesting and nice to hear some of the old material again, although to be fair, it would be an advantage if one possessed a little knowledge of the Dutch language. Nevertheless, it is another collector's item and is of good quality. The price is £4.00..... More 'specials' from the Convention..... **World Radio and TV Handbook 1987**, the bible of the radio listener/ DX - er, normally selling at £17.95, now on offer for just £14.95..... **Caroline into the Eighties** by Andy Archer, currently £4.50, now offered for just £2.00, this high quality photo book will take some beating for value at this special offer price..... **Radio Monique Canvas Bags** (This is something different!). Measuring 16" x 15" and featuring a colourful Monique logo, these items represent good value at £1.90 each..... And finally, this week, **Laser AM 576 'Hot Hits' T-Shirts**. Their latest multi - colour logo on good quality white shirts will cost you £5.00 each and sizes available are.... medium, large and extra large.

NEW ARRIVALS. Just four in this section... The ever-improving and even more colourful **Media Monitor**. This latest edition is numbered 53 and contains 36 pages, packed with news and features about the exciting world of free radio, plus the latest frequency schedules from two major international short wave broadcasting stations. For a sample copy of the **ALL - ROUND** radio magazine, for people interested in all aspects of radio, send £1 to Roger Tidy, Media Monitor, 88/90 Grays Inn Road, London WC1X 8AA..... from The Clandestine Listeners Club Germany, **CLCG MAGAZINE No. 8/87**. 25 x A4 sheets of news and logs, in a neat folder. All text in German, however. Details from CLCG, Postfach 54 01 01, D - 4100 Duisburg 11, West Germany..... a late arriving **Radiotelex**, **issue 106**. This 4 page A5 magazine has three weeks SW logs though, this time. Essential for the SW enthusiast. Details from RT, c/o Postfach 10 37 71, D - 2800 Bremen 1, West Germany..... and finally, **Play - DX**, issue 471. Back after the Summer holidays, this weekly magazine has 6 x A4 sides and contains logs and news about those more difficult DX catches. Mostly in English, but some in Italian and in Spanish. Details from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy.

TAPE OFFER. Over to the other side of America for this week's first one and for Tape 91, we offer 45 minutes each of **KIIS - FM**, and **91X**. KIIS have a CHR format, whereas 91X is new rock music. It's across to Ireland for Tape 92 featuring **Bray Local Broadcasting**, probably the oldest community station in Ireland, now over 7 years old, serving

this town just South of Dublin city itself. The programme content is predominantly community orientated, interspersed with easy listening music..... Tape 93 features one of the stations in London which does not play soul music... **Clockwork Wireless** broadcasts for several hours on a Sunday evening and this tape features Terry Anderson (ex Uptown Radio) and Dave Birdman (ex Thameside Radio). Recent newspaper snippets and well - produced 'funnies', in addition to good music, make this station sound that bit different to the others. Prices, as always, £2.00 per C.90 cassette.

WANTED. Medium Wave transmitter around 20 to 50 watts. Telephone Richard with your price and details at (0793) 37580, late evenings please.

BOAT TRIPS. Sight - seeing trips to the radio - ships are once again available via Mobile Promotions. The cost will be approximately £22. For more information please enquire to A - UK, and we will forward your name and address for more information to be sent to you.

FOR SALE. A quality selection of free radio compiled tapes, at reasonable prices. Write for further details to P. Tilt, 6 Albert Road, Bognor Regis, Sussex PO21 1NL.

FOR SALE. A selection of U.S. recordings, edited and un - edited. There are honest reviews of every tape, with prices at £1.90 per 90 minutes. Write for free list to... Andrew, 71 Wansdyke, Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 3QY.

FOR SALE. Offshore radio tapes, address lists of free and clandestine radio stations, DX publications and DX software for Commodore 64... Send today, 2 IRC's for a detailed list, to Ary Boender, Lobeliastraat 33B, 3202 HR Spykenisse, The Netherlands.

WANTED. Urgently required for work on the Voice of Peace radio station in International Waters off the coast of Israel, D.J.'s and transmitter engineers. Applicants should be preferably over 21 years of age, and must hold a valid passport. Contracts are for six months, and all travel costs will be refunded at the completion of this period. This is a great way to improve your D.J. abilities by broadcasting to a large audience, with first class broadcast equipment, and at the same time, get a sun tan! Contact us now on (0253) 882017, and have a demo tape ready to send.

FOR HIRE. The WLR 250 watt transmitter is available for relaying programmes of other genuine free radio stations, at very competitive rates. For further details, write to 23 South Beechwood, Edinburgh EH12 5YR.

FOR HIRE. For the use of other free radio stations, a P.O Box number. Write for details to ABC, P.O. Box 629, Eastbourne, Sussex BN23 7ST.

GENERAL. Local members of the World DX Club have organised a meeting at the St. Mary's Centre, Chain Street, Reading, (across the road from the Butts Shopping Centre). The meeting, which will include the showing of off-shore

and landbased free radio videos, will be between the hours of 14:30 and 17:30 on Saturday, 19th September. Anyone is welcome at these meetings, and for more information, contact John on (021) 784 7507 daily, after 18:00, or anytime at the weekend.

The postman seems to have worked well this week, with most subscribers receiving the report on the normal day, despite a Bank Holiday Monday. We were rather mystified however to hear that envelopes were stamped 11:30pm on Tuesday 1st (rather than 12:30am). We posted normally, despite the holiday, on Sunday evening.

Congratulations to Media Network's Jonathon Marks and his wife, on the birth of a daughter, on Friday 28th August. We feel sure Jonathon will take full advantage of disturbed / sleepless nights to catch up on a little DX - ing, especially with good (hopefully) trans - Atlantic medium wave DX imminent.

WANTED. Creative high energy D.J.'s (no ILR clones or timewasters, please) required for new Irish station. Must be able to operate broadcast standard mixers and other professional equipment. Send demo tape and CV to..... BR, P.O. Box 539, etc.

RADIO STATION NEWS.....IRELAND....DUBLIN. It was nice to hear Mike Hogan back last Monday, with his 'Eye in the Sky', on Q 102. The return co - incided conveniently with the return of children to school the following day, as apparently traffic conditions in the city were chaotic and a service like the above must be a great help to weary motorists. A format change took place, as announced, last Monday. More 'Hot Hits' are to be played, apparently, according to Radio Rainbow, to try and grab some of Sunshine Radio's audience. The catchy Q 102 jingles seem to have been dropped in favour of the slogan 'Q 102, more music, less chat'. The 24 hours of oldies, played from midnight Friday, have also been dropped in favour of two six hour segments played on Saturday and Sunday.

With the recent good FM, we have spent much time listening to the Dublin stations, and **Energy Power 103** was no exception. As we have stated many times, the station shares the FM frequency with one of our local ILR stations, Piccadilly Radio. This situation is extremely satisfactory, as Energy would never penetrate the Manchester area, and likewise, Piccadilly, the Dublin area. However, for people such as us on the coast, both stations are audible, although aeriels have to be pointed in whichever direction is required. It just so happens that we use this frequency to check how good FM is, many times daily. If Energy comes through, conditions are good, if Piccadilly comes through, they are bad. It was at one of these bad times in the week, that we tuned into '103', only to hear the words 'Energy 103' quoted. Mystified, we listened on and it turned out to be Piccadilly, identifying this way. We heard this on many occasions and in the programme guide in the paper, the words 'Power' were noted on at least one programme. Apparently, according to one of our reporters, some members from Manchester went to Dublin and all they heard was 'Energy' and 'Power' on 103MHz., so on the return decided to refer to the station in this way. It is possible it may only be heard on certain programmes, but we intend to listen further to find out. It is one thing to 'nick' a station's cliches (it happens a lot... 'Clutter - Free', 'Hot Hits', 'Playing Favourites', to name just three), when that station is hundreds or thousands of miles away from the other, but to blatantly do it, knowing full well that both station's listening areas overlap considerably, is a bit much, to say the least, very confusing for the listeners, and does not say much for British radio. To rub salt into the wound, a quick listen to BBC Lancashire, revealed jingles, originally used on Caroline and Nova, now adapted to this station, being extensively used. Will it never end! It is a good job there are pirate stations to lead the way, otherwise, they would have very little new, but, thereagain, we would not have the stations either, would we?

Off the soap box and back to reality, and still in Dublin, Radio Cara did not materialise, out of the ashes of **Heartbeat FM**. Instead, it is now promised to do so tomorrow morning at 06:00. The station will identify as 'Radio Cara, the Heartbeat of Dublin', we understand. As mentioned last week, Lawrence Jon is involved in the project. An FM band - scan from Kieran Murray, in the city, confirmed all we had heard, here in Blackpool (the powerful ones), plus the following.... **Tallaght Community Radio** on 91.8, **Capitol Radio** on 93.75, **Phoenix Radio** on 94.15, **Dundrum Community Radio** on 94.8 and **Ranelagh Community Radio** on 98.00MHz. Reports of Smile FM on 98.00MHz. were received last week, so we are not too sure, whether they are both on the air, or what. We await further reports on this one.

Co. LOUTH. Word in from Kieran Murray, regarding **Radio Rainbow International** (6240kHz. shortwave, 1521kHz. MW, and 96.5MHz. FM stereo), tells us that the 'Free Radio Show' has now returned on a regular basis. Heady Eddie is also due back shortly with his famous 'Golden Oldies Show', which he used to present on Radio Rainbow last year. The studio has been equipped with a new stereo mixer, and as such, the programmes are being transmitted in stereo via the station's new 50 watt transmitter on 96.5MHz. We have also been informed that R.R.I. did not know anything about Now Radio Communications terminating the Radio Sovereign contract. They apparently heard the news 'third hand'. As a result, Radio Rainbow are still unsure as to the current situation. The transmitters are thus open again for relays, and any interested stations, should contact Radio Rainbow, 151 Moneymore, Drogheda, Co. Louth, Eire. **Rainbow Radio**, (a different station entirely from Radio Rainbow International) operating on 1152kHz. and 96.0MHz., which we mentioned several weeks ago, was apparently set up by several ex - Boyneside and Carousel staff. Their studio is located very close to the present Boyneside North studios, at Furniture Warehouse Sales, Carrickcannon. Their MW mast is also right beside the Boyneside North mast. An attempt was made to try and get them to change their name, to avoid confusion with the shortwave station of the same name, but unfortunately this was not possible, as they had already had stickers and other promotional material

made. However, they are known as Rainbow Radio, and not Radio Rainbow, so some confusion may be cleared up.

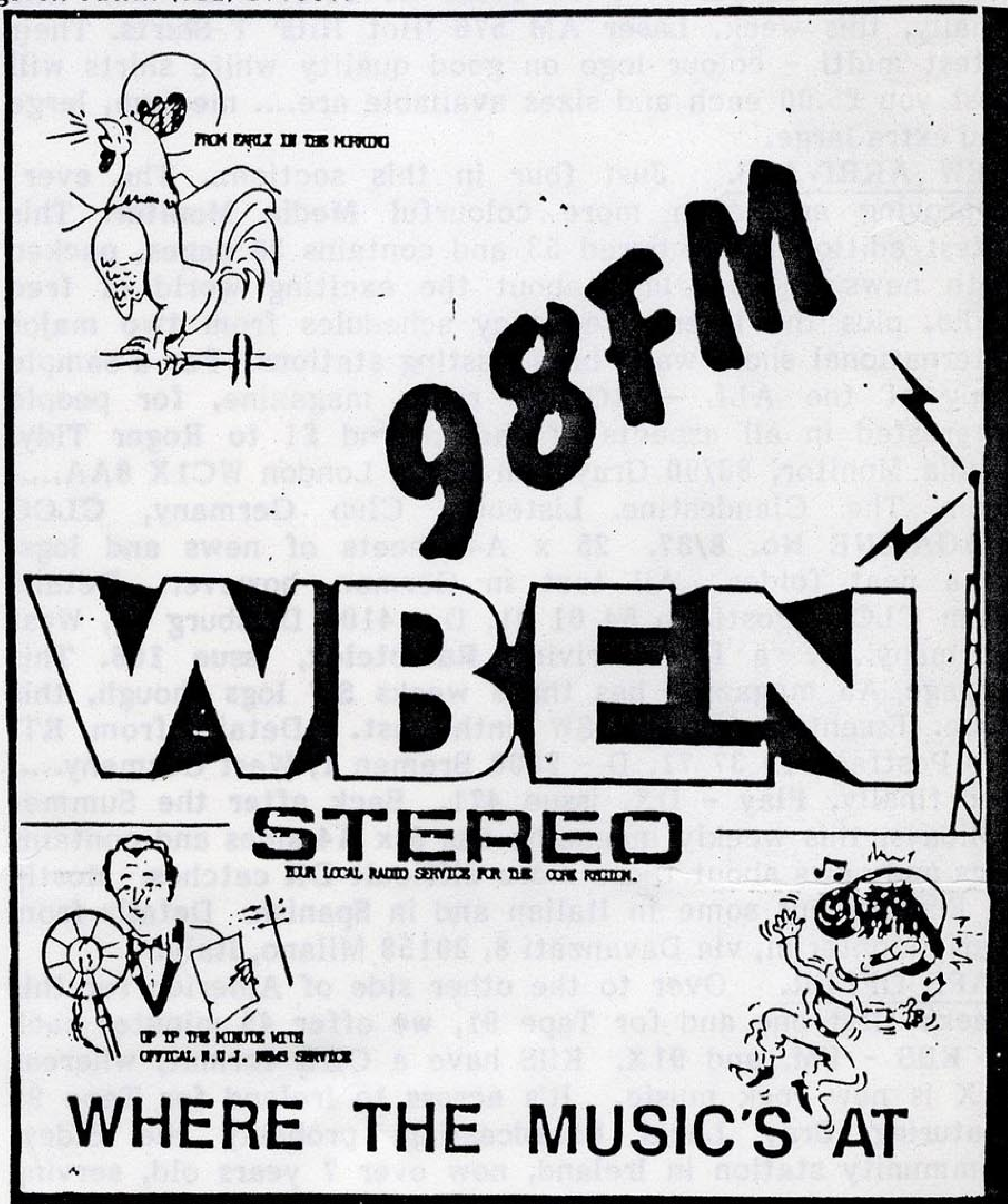
Up in Carrickcannon, the **Boyneside North FM** transmitter on 98.2MHz., has been slightly altered to 97.8MHz. This is due to problems with 'mixing' on the FM band between Rainbow, Boyneside and RTE. The AM remains on 1233kHz., and the mountain - based FM transmitter on 101.25MHz.

In Drogheda, **Boyneside Radio** have plans to put on another FM outlet to serve the Drogheda area, in addition to 1305kHz, and 100.1MHz. The actual frequency has yet to be announced. The full current programme schedule is : weekdays 07:00 Mike Ahern (Breakfast Show)... 10:00 Dermot Finglas (Miscellaneous Hour)... 11:00 Dave 'C' (The Peoples Choice Requests)... 14:00 Heady Eddie (Afternoon Music Show)... 17:00 Dermot Finglas (Drivetime with 'Country Convoy' at 18:30)... 19:30 Ian Scott (Top 40 / Disco etc.)... 21:30 Jim Agnew (Night - time music)... 24:00 Non - Stop music. News headlines are read on the hour from 07:00 until 21:00, by Mike Ahern and Aine Ni Guidhir, with the main lengthy bulletins being at 13:15 and 18:00. On Saturday, live programmes commence at 08:00 with Jim Agnew's Breakfast Show. Heady Eddie presents his well listened to "Green Scene" country show at 10:00, and at 13:00 Kieran Murray can be heard with "Saturday Gold". Boyneside's Top 40 show is presented between 15:00 and 18:00 on Saturday, by Ian Scott, with more Country music following him at 18:00, when you are in the capable hands of Sean Nealon. To round off Saturday's live programmes, Michael Gerard is your host at 20:00. Sunday starts with more special programmes, and at 09:00 Dermot Finglas hosts "Sunday Request". At 12:00, Dermot Kieran presents his "Round Table", with 90 minutes of discussions and interviews on many topics. Mike Ahern and Heady Eddie get together at 13:30 to co - host the "Double Top 10 Show", until it is the turn of Mark Garvey at 15:00. Sean Nealon presents another Country show at 18:00, and to round off the weekends special programming, as on Saturday night, is Michael Gerard at 20:00. The weekend's news is read on the hour between 10:00 and 18:00 by Kieran Murray. Taped music is played during the late evening and throughout the night, to give the service a 24 hour operation. As well as the frequencies mentioned previously, Boyneside Radio, also have a relay in Kells on 1332kHz., which makes the MW service area quite large.

Co. DONEGAL. Yet another station operating from this area, calling itself **WABC**, has been reported heard on 106.0MHz.FM. Medium wave is understood to be due and will beam the programmes from around Inishowen Head (at the top of Lough Foyle) into Northern Ireland.

Co. CORK. A recent visit to this area, by one of our reporters, confirmed the rumours flying around last week, that **E.R.I.** had indeed closed down, even if it was for only a short period. We understand that the station owners were under the impression that a raid was imminent due to alleged interference to the RTE mobile broadcasting unit, which was in the area at the time. To protect the big investment recently made at ERI, the studios were stripped of all their equipment, and it was put in a safe place. We are told this occurred on Thursday 27th August, and the station was off the air until around the following Monday, 31st August. At this point only the 1305kHz. transmitter was in operation. It is not known at the time of writing, whether the FM service is back on the air.

The other main station in Cork, **WBEN**, have no doubt taken advantage of the above station's problems at this time. They can be heard on FM only, on 98.6MHz. A new telephone number has been given out.... (021) 277367.



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98FM

WBEN

STEREO

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UP TO THE MINUTE WITH OFFICIAL R.O.J. NEWS SERVICE

WHERE THE MUSIC'S AT

CAROLINE. Changes occurred in the line - up following the Bank Holiday weekend, and Peter Philips returned to host the breakfast show in place of Kevin Turner, who has now left the ship for a spot of shore leave. Also making a return trip to the Ross Revenge was Andy Robin, who can be heard during the late evening up until closedown at 01:00. The last new presenter Simon West, has moved from the evening slot to 'drive time', where his fast speech fits well into reading out all the traffic information in a minimum amount of time. This guy has certainly introduced a bit of zip into proceedings and his programmes are most enjoyable. The other D.J. to leave for shore leave, appears to be Paul Graham. The current weekday schedule is now... 05:00 Peter Philips... 09:00 Jackie Lee... 13:00 Keith Francis... 17:00 Simon West... 21:00 Andy Robin... 01:00 Close down. The station did close one hour earlier on Thursday 3rd., but for what reasons we are not sure. A 24 hour service returned on Friday, for the weekend, with Steve Conway filling in the missing 4 hours. This is in addition to his role as resident newsreader throughout the week, and most of the weekend.

Occasional letters in, ask about Lotto 6/49 and if anyone ever does win, especially after the recent bad publicity in Private Eye magazine. The answer is yes! Numerous people have written and told us they have won small amounts of money, (\$10) but as yet, no one has told us about any of the big wins we hear about in the promos. Nevertheless, we have no reason to doubt the lottery in any way, and most certainly would not wish to deter anyone who wishes to have a 'fling'.

The returning Peter Philips has also brought back with him, his excellent descriptive phrases. Saturday morning's show, saw him commenting about Friday night's festivities, and its resultant 'throbbing around the temples' (a hangover).

RADIO NEWYORK INTERNATIONAL. The people who put together Radio NewYork International, as it was known during its brief career, ought to be pleased. The FCC has dropped the charges against them, saying the commission's right to regulate offshore radio has been upheld, and a small licenced, Long Island radio station, WNYG at 1440 medium wave has turned its airwaves over to the former pirate, from 17:00 to 03:00 GMT, each Saturday. But the offshore broadcasters are unrepentant.... they say their ship is in port in Boston, having repairs made. When she's ready, says RNI operations manager, Randi Steele, the pirate station will go back to sea and back on the air. The FCC says if that happens, the ship will be boarded again and the pirates again arrested. This time they say the charges won't be dropped. so, as they say, stay tuned. Considerable repairs need to be done before the ship returns to the air though and the only thing running at the moment is RNI's answering machine. They're setting sail again, so it says. (Media Network... 3rd Sept. '87).

THE VOICE OF PEACE. No reports this week, apart from one telling us that a new D.J. has been heard, by the name of Pete Anderson. This report is from a listener, not from the station. Don't forget, if you would like to work out there, give us a call on (0253) 882017, vacancies do exist at present.

M.V. COMMUNICATOR. We are still without any firm reports of activity from the ship, but are convinced that things are indeed hotting up. According to very well informed sources, the ship is lying at anchor very close to the Ross Revenge, once again. This position was taken up last Sunday.

LAND - BASED STATIONS.

LONDON. A quieter week in the city, even considering the Bank Holiday weekend. Here is Sid's report for the period 29th - 31st August... "Touched down on 30 stations - 15 in stereo - 4 new. A Greek on 102.45MHz., Soul with no I.D. on 105.6MHz., Hip - Hop with no ID. on 104.15MHz., and Soul with no ID on 104.15MHz. (possibly WNK on test?).

Reactivated Legends :- **Dread Broadcasting** (DBC 96.1 stereo) from Carnival, **Radio Free London** (92.4).

Returned from busts :- **Quest** (89.95), **Studio 1** (92.7), **Solar 93** (93.05), **KISS - FM** (93.95), **R - FM** (93.35 mono), **City Radio** (94.55), **WNK** (104.35), and **Time FM** (103.7).

Missing / Not heard :- **RTR** (90.2), **Starpoint** (94.4), **LGR** (105.2), **GRL** (88.45) - now reported bust.

High pressure has meant FM coming in from all directions. Distant IBA/BBC locals, as well as French, Belgian and even Dutch stations have been swamping the whole band. Co - channel interference has been causing problems for legitimate stations, let alone the privateers.

South London 'Top Forty' weekend major leaguers, **Raiders FM** (97.8), have a signal which blankets the whole of South and Central London, and virtually cuts out any chance of touching down on **Traffic Jam** (97.95), in either of those areas. Their announced schedule goes from 17:00 on Friday, to 03:00 on Saturday, and also from mid - day to 03:00, both Saturday and Sunday. However, being a Bank Holiday, they seem to have been going 24 hours from Friday through until Tuesday morning, with a mix of tapes and live programming. Some old familiar names from Skyline / Jackie and LT - FM seem to be creeping up, including Jerry King and Mike Somers. **Raiders FM** ("We're coming to get you"), is now thought to be founded out of the wreckage of London Town, which does not explain why a station ID'ing itself as **LT - FM** was touched down on last week, on 102.55MHz.

Fulham based, **SW Sound** (105.25 stereo) hit tech. problems on Friday night, and only the last minute appearance of an engineer kept them on the air. **London Rock** (104.2) were on - air Saturday, as were associates **Rock - FM** (94.35) who returned from their bust with lower power mono, on Sunday, and continued through to the early hours of Tuesday.

The original landbased pirate station of which Chicago and Chris Carey are alleged to be founder members, was **Radio Free London**,

which made its first broadcast in 1968 or 1969, to commemorate the passing of the MOA. Recently reported as re - activated on occasional weekday evenings, this bank holiday saw **RFL** on FM 92.4 and AM 1314kHz., putting out what they described as a 'marathon' rock session running twelve hours from mid day. Based in West London, and still rumoured to have contacts with its origins, the signal barely made it into Central London and could not be heard at all south of the River.

A new unidentified Greek station has opened up on 7/24 basis on 102.45MHz. None of the other Greeks have been heard, apart from one session from **BGCR** (105.5), and **GCRL** are reported as being busted on Friday.

Bill Mitchell voice overs have not been heard too often just lately, but he must have been in the studios recently, as both **KISS - FM** (93.95 stereo) and **LWR** (92.1 stereo), both have new packages. The most provocative being "LWR London's Wicked - est Radio - Huge and Illegal!". LWR's technical problems continue with a massive spurious harmonic, which actually sounds louder than the primary signal, and also blocked out near neighbours **Sky - FM** (91.85 stereo), from all but their most immediate area. By Sunday, Sky had relocated down band on 91.7 stereo, and were more easily received.

A strong carrier wave on 96.1 was noted in the early hours of Sunday morning. Later it was heard relaying the almost non - stop two day reaggae and soca concert from a marquee set on Wormwood Scrubs, in conjunction with Carnival, two miles away in Notting Hill. No links or ID's were heard, but it is reported that the recently reactivated **DBC**, which has been on at odd times in mid - week, and re - living past glories, by playing tapes from their heyday, were due to be on this frequency. They suddenly left the air just after 21:00 on Monday evening.

Monday (31st) saw both **Time - FM** (103.85 stereo) and **Fresh FM** (103.4), go off the air for the day. A bust was initially suspected, but just after 21:00, both stations came back on air within minutes of each other. It seems that both stations had decided that their audience would be at the Carnival, and took the time off to re - align their transmitters and aials. **Time - FM** came back on their more usual 103.7MHz., with vastly improved signal, and **Fresh** returned on 103.3MHz., and again had a much better signal, and also stereo had been re - introduced. Both now seem to be back to their block - busting power after recent raids.

Another busy weekend, and the main season is yet to begin!!

Once again, our thanks to Sid for this latest report from the capital.

Now on to this weekend.... reported so far are the following stations.... **CDR** on 88.7, **Rock to Rock** on 90.3, **TKO** on 90.7, **Faze 1** on 90.9, **Sky FM** on 91.7, **LWR** on 92.1, **Studio** on 92.7, **Solar 93** on 93.0, **Kiss FM**, on 93.95, **RPM** on 94.3, **City Radio** on 94.5, **Raiders FM** on 97.8, **Taffic Jam** on 97.95, **Fresh FM** on 103.4, **Time FM** on 103.7 and **JBC** on 104.75. Also heard, but not identified, was an Asian station on 91.1MHz. (Sina?), a reggae station with Bill Mitchell jingles on 91.3MHz. and in the early hours of this morning, a station identifying as **Chicago 87** on 94.5MHz. Reports also indicate that **LWR** have an extremely large band - spread and even at a distance of 40 miles from London, two frequencies, 91.8 and 92.15 appear to be carrying **LWR** programmes. The above stations were all logged during Saturday and the early hours of Sunday morning (today). Reports this morning, indicate several of these missing, including **CDR**, **TKO**, **Studio 1** and **Solar 93**, as well as **Starpoint**, **Horizon**, **Quest** and **RJR**, none of which have been heard at all over the weekend.

Further North, in Oxford, **Isis FM** were on the air last Sunday evening between 21:00 and 23:00, and also made some tests this morning, on 105.15MHz., in preparation for this evening's broadcasts.

ISIS FM

105mhz

SOUNDS FROM OXFORDSHIRE

MERSEYSIDE. Last week we failed to mention the new station **North Coast Radio** which was heard testing over the Bank Holiday weekend. This was due to us not hearing it identify until after we went to print on Sunday afternoon, although we did log it on Saturday evening, but it went off before an identification could be made at that time. This station seems to be a merger between several of the D.J.'s from the other stations on Merseyside (**Radio Julie**, **Radio Merseywaves**, **Concept Radio**). **North Coast Radio** (N.C.R.) are using the former **Radio Julie** transmitter, which, as previously, is tuned to 104.85MHz., and in stereo. Tests were also mentioned on the medium wave band, at 221 metres, 1350kHz., although we have yet to receive them here in Blackpool, due to night - time foreign interference on the same frequency. A 1kHz. whistle was audible on this channel, on both Sunday and Monday nights, however. The station already seems very organised, and has a mailing address of 18 Downham Drive, Heswall, Merseyside L60 5RF.

Due to recent raids, neither **Merseywaves** nor **Atlantis** were heard on Bank Holiday Monday, although we were looking out for occasional stations, and indeed were surprised to find **Liverpool Pirate Radio** back on the air. Unfortunately, the signal was very weak here in Blackpool

(compared to before they were raided), and it was difficult to tell who was presenting the programme. The frequency was 1400kHz. Apparently the station was heard locally on Merseyside, the previous day, but the report also states that power was very low.

Slag Off International were on the air with a test transmission on Bank Holiday Sunday afternoon (30th August), and mentioned that they would be heard much more in future. This was true, as they returned to the air on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings on around 105.2MHz. (although they seemed to be drifting about a bit, sometimes down on top of N.C.R.). Tim Jackson, in his notes on Merseyside activity, mentioned the above on Bank Holiday Monday, plus Radio Merseywaves with a noisy carrier, from 17:20, playing relays of various legal stations, and **Concept Radio** on 104.3MHz., from 10:30 till after midnight.

Despite not being heard last Sunday or Monday, **Radio Merseywaves** appeared on the air during Tuesday, on 1242kHz. This seemed to be a complete repeat of the programmes put out the previous Saturday. Whether this was just a test or not we are not sure. **DTI - FM** were heard with a short transmission on Tuesday night (1st September), on a slightly lower than normal 106.1MHz. Nothing at all has been heard here since. Both Merseywaves and Atlantis failed to appear on Friday.

On Saturday, again, neither medium station was noted, but on FM, continuous music was heard on 104.95MHz., during the morning, but with poor FM conditions and the station itself having some problems, we were not able to positively identify who it was, until later in the afternoon, when it identified as a new station **Eastham Community Radio (E.C.R.)**. No address was given out, and it appears that the station could be based at Eastham on the Wirral. The frequency was announced as 105.0MHz, and Saturday transmissions only were mentioned. **Slag Off International** were on the air during Saturday afternoon, and again later on the same evening on 105.3MHz.

On Sunday, **Radio Atlantis** returned to the air, on 976kHz., at 10:00, relaying an old Rick Dane tape, although this was interrupted by Stephen Bishop, live, who said that the station was on this frequency, due the DTI taking the 936kHz. crystal. Later, during the Free Radio Show, he gave an account of the most recent raid. The station then continued normally and can still be heard at the time of printing this report. **Radio Veronica** were heard here, with a very good stable signal on 104.75MHz., over lunchtime, although went off at 13:05, due to restrictions imposed by the location owner, who 'had a function on' today. The same may also apply to next Sunday, we understand. No other stations have been heard yet, today, although, it is still quite early.

YORKSHIRE/ DERBYSHIRE. In Bradford, **Radio Veronica** were only heard on Wednesday last (2nd), mentioning that they were now broadcasting with 190 watts, it is reported. Some listeners are mentioning that the humour being brought into their most recent broadcasts, is quite an enjoyable alternative. The other Bradford station, **Soundwaves 105**, were heard on Monday last, with a rock and roll programme, and a heavy rock show. Their current staff number five, and they normally broadcast with just 4 watts on Tuesday and Friday evenings. Despite the low power, they cover Bradford quite well. Across in Leeds, both **MCR (90.3)** and **ABC (94.6)** continue to broadcast most nights, although not as often as in recent weeks, due to bad publicity in the papers. Both stations continue to provide a good alternative to the soul/ reggae fans. In South Yorkshire, **Ocean Sound** were heard last night on 106.3MHz., with **Rebel Radio** on 105.2MHz. and **Z - FM** heard last Sunday, and expected on air later today, on 102.5MHz. A new station is reported from the Keighley area, on about 90.2/3MHz., calling itself **DDC Radio** (on VHF... No. 5)! The station was first reported on Sunday 23rd August at about 17:00, with a 60 second tape and an electronic voice giving out the above name. Since then, they have been heard again, but sometimes giving out a 'No. 6' or 'No. 7', whatever it may mean. We await further reports, with bated breath! In Derbyshire, **Radio Nemesis** were on the air on the Sunday and Monday of the past holiday weekend, on 105MHz. Some problems were occurring with their 35 watt amplifier, which was subsequently removed, although due to the short area covered after this, future transmissions are expected to go back to 35 watts.

THE MIDLANDS. **U.K. Radio** were on the air last Sunday, on 105.0MHz. **PCRL** have been heard for most of the week, on 103.6MHz., although were off the air this morning, due to technical problems. **Soul City Radio** made their regular Sunday broadcast on 103.8MHz., closing at 13:00.

MANCHESTER. Just **LC.R.** to report here, and they have been heard all weekend on 103.5MHz.

GLASGOW/RENFREWSHIRE. This is still one of the most active areas outside London, at the moment, with four stations regularly broadcasting. **Radio Unicorn** can be heard every Monday evening, between 21:30 and 00:30, on 103.2MHz. This station covers a large area and sounds quite professional, programme - wise, with the staff all being disco - D.J.'s in the area. **Radio Mercury** can be heard with soul/ rapping music on Wednesday evening and their frequency is 96.1MHz. **Neon Radio** can be heard seven nights a week and beginning last Thursday, settled on two new frequencies of 95.4 and 99.2MHz. Both transmitters are in mono. An Anorak show was broadcast on Thursday evening, hosted by Bob and Alec. The station began it's normal Sunday shows at midday today, with increased power, but had to leave the air after 45 minutes due to an aerial mis-match. Finally, the newest station, **Riverside Community Radio**, made it to the air last Friday, on full power, between 22:00 and 02:00, with Top 40 and disco music. Their programmes on Saturday, between 11:00 and 14:00, are very community orientated and lots of requests are read out, which are gathered from boxes left in shops in the broadcast area. This station already has a lot of advertising and is aiming, through it's

community connections, for a licence. The transmitter is in stereo, which is of very good separation. They also broadcast on Saturday nights after 22:00.

THE SOUTH COAST. On Bank Holiday Monday, a new station made it's first broadcast in the Newhaven area. An announcement was made during the 45 minute test transmission, mentioning **Energy 105.5**. No address or further details about future broadcasts were mentioned.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS....Today's Log (6th September 1987).

6200kHz.....**RADIO TONAIR**, at 10:32gmt.

6206kHz.....**RADIO TITANIC**, at 09:56gmt.

6210kHz.....**UNID.**, at 09:57gmt.

6215kHz.....**UNID.**, at 10:30gmt.

6221kHz.....**RADIO TONAIR**, at 10:51gmt.

6226kHz.....**RADIO TITANIC**, at 09:32gmt.

6230kHz.....**RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL**, at 10:55gmt.

6240kHz.....**W.L.R.**, at 0906gmt.

6240kHz.....**RADIO RAINBOW INT.**, at 11:02gmt.

6258kHz.....**SUPERCLAN RADIO**, at 08:33gmt.

6270kHz.....**UNID.**(German), at 09:03gmt.

6270kHz.....**UNID.**(English...WMR?), at 10:58gmt.

6270kHz.....**RADIO PAMELA INT.**, at 10:59gmt.

6275kHz.....**RADIO WAVES INT.**, at 09:53gmt.

6280kHz.....**S.B.C.**, at 10:32gmt.

6280kHz.....**WESTSIDE RADIO**, at 11:04gmt.

6292kHz.....**RADIO NOVA BELGIUM**, at 08:38gmt.

6295kHz.....**RADIO TITANIC INT.**, at 10:30gmt.

6300kHz.....**SPECTRUM LEISURE COMMUNICATIONS**, at 09:20gmt.

6300kHz.....**W.L.R.**, at 12:28gmt.

6318kHz.....**RADIO STELLA INT.**, at 09:58gmt.

6850kHz.....**RADIO SOUNDS INT.**, at 10:30gmt.

6910kHz.....**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 09:46gmt.

7321kHz.....**RADIO NIGHTRIDER**, at 09:00gmt.

7361kHz.....**RADIO 101**, at 09:41gmt.

7383kHz.....**W.L.R.**, at 09:57gmt.

Conditions today were poor, with a very long skip and very noisy band. Logs on **BOLD** are ours, here in Blackpool, others were kindly rung in on (0253) 882017 by loggers in The Midlands, Manchester, Oxfordshire and Devon.

Radio Titanic were heard on three frequencies this morning, none of which were in parallel. The station was celebrating it's twelve birthday and had obviously sent tapes out to various relay stations. The **UNID.**, on 6210kHz., although on air most of the morning with a strong signal, modulation was extremely low, and no identification was able to be made.

The strongest signal here, today, was **Superclan Radio** from Holland, on 6258kHz.

Confusion arose around 6270kHz., with several conflicting reports. We, ourselves, heard a station in German, shortly after 09:00, and later on, **Radio Pamela Int.**, who announced that they were about to test on medium wave, later tonight. Others thought they heard **Weekend Music Radio**, and with the strange skip conditions, anything could have happened.

Another confusing area was 6300kHz., with **Spectrum** being reported early on, but ourselves hearing a relay of the old **Border Radio** in Twickenham.

Amendments to last Sunday's log from Radiotelex magazine.... Our **Unid.**, on 6318kHz., was **Radio Stella Int.**, at 09:44 to 11:52gmt.... 7384kHz., **Radio Stella Int.**, at 09:46 till 11:41gmt..... The mystery heterodyne whistle on **Radio 101**'s frequency (noted for the apst two weeks here), is apparently caused by **Euro - Christian Radio**, on 7360kHz. **RT** tell us they identified it, in English, and it is of East European origin. They noted it last Sunday from 08:25 until 10:39gmt.

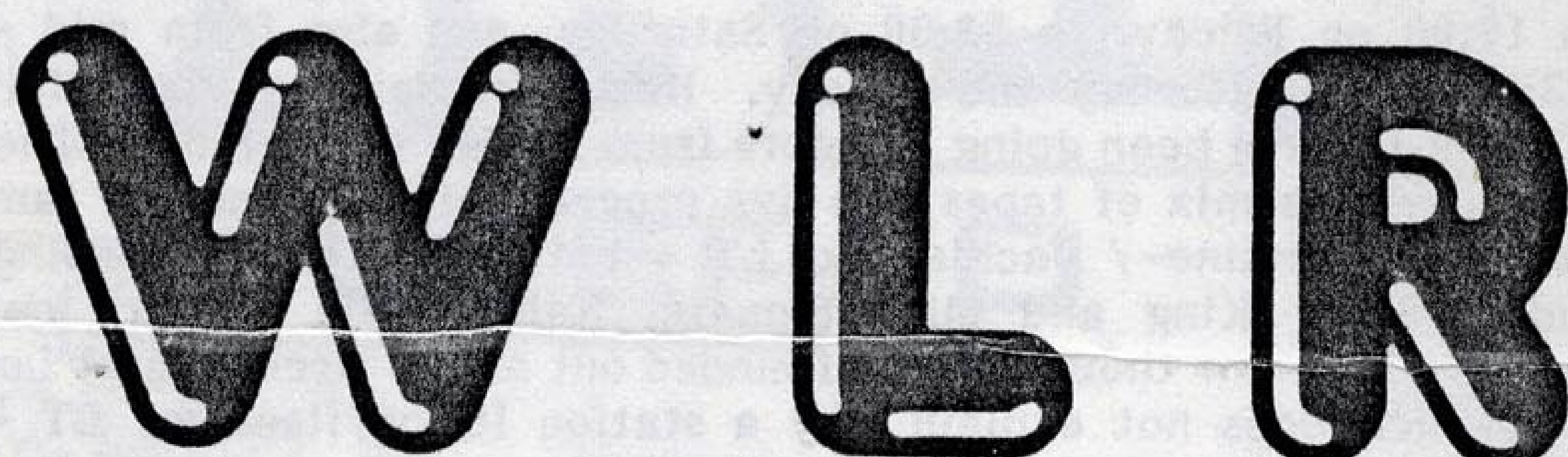
Finally, just two points.... we have been told to ask **DX - ers** to check the channel 9950kHz., in the 31m band, when going around the dial. If anyone hears any relays, they might let us know, by telephone.... **Jim Agnew** of **Radio Rainbow** fame, who relays **Radio Stella Int.**, is willing to relay others and anyone interested should write to Jim, telling him you read about it here, asking for further details. His address is... 151 Moneymore, Drgheda, Co. Louth, Eire.

Our thanks to everyone who has written, called, or telephoned, once again, for their continued help in producing this weekly sheet. Everything is very much appreciated. In order to greatly assist us, Sunday logs are best rung in between 13:30 and 14:30.

Really finally, we forgot to mention the origins of the first tape offer. **KIIS** is from Los Angeles and **91X** from Sandiago.

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Best Wishes

From

SCOTLAND

The WEEKLY REPORT

ANORAKS

The First with the News in Print

No. 176.....13th September 1987.

P.O. Box 539. BLACKPOOL FY1 4RE, England.

We were pleased to hear from numerous quarters this week, that merchandise ordered from Laser Hot Hits in the U.S.A., a good while ago, had finally arrived. Items received included T - Shirts, posters, stickers and other items, all part of the Communicator Club package. We feel this is very encouraging, as is an item in one of the two letters which accompanied the goods, which says that Laser will be back!

According to Radio Netherlands' Media Network programme last Thursday, a total eclipse of the sun in the far East on 23rd September next, may yield some very unusual DX - ing. Eager and enthusiastic DX - ers in Europe, should make a note of the times, 00:15 until 06:08, and listen out for unusual catches on the lower frequencies. Stations from China, Japan, the Philippines and the South East Pacific are ones to particularly look out for. Conversely, DX - ers in the eclipse path area should listen out for stations from Europe and America.

Improve Your Radio Reception

A California listener recently wrote us about a product that he says can improve radio reception in fringe reception areas. The "Select-A-Tenna," manufactured by Intensi-tronics Corp. (P.O. Box 562, Hales Corner, WI 53130), claims to boost weak stations. It requires no batteries; just set it within six inches of a radio, adjust the radio to the station you want to listen to, and peak the "Select-A-Tenna" to the same frequency. It is available from Herrington, a mail order catalog store in Kirkland, Ohio, phone number (216) 256-1446. The product works only with radios with built-in antennas.

Finally in this opening section, a reader on the Continent kindly sent us this cutting taken from the magazine "New Dimensions" (Roy Masters' Foundation of Human Understanding).

Of course, we have a huge stack of these ready to be mailed out, in our packed stockroom. We call them 'The Medium Wave Loop/Frame Aerial' and from us they cost £28.00, and produce amazing results. (Every serious MW listener has one!).

We may just drop a line to them, requesting further details, just to compare them with ours. We will, of course, reveal the results in a future issue, that's if we get a reply!

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The Anoraks U.K. Info - Line exists for two purposes. By dialling (0795) 510764, you will hear a three minute message with all the latest happenings in the free radio world. To simply leave your news, ring (0795) 511119. From 23rd September, the 510764 number will change to the adjacent and easy to remember 511118.

NEW MERCHANDISE. Very little this week, so we will just say that all Laser Hot Hits memorabilia (with the exception of sweat shirts) is, as stated in the letter sent out by the station, available from us now. It is in stock and will be despatched on receipt of order and remittance, like all other A - UK goods. Available are the excellent quality T - shirts with the new colourful logo at £5 (please state size), full colour wall poster at £3.99, inside, vinyl car stickers at 25p each, outside, paper car stickers at 20p each and jingle cassettes at £3.99 each..... a final item from the recent convention now. As Ron West and Walter Simmons were both in attendance, Ron thought it would be an idea for them both to autograph their **Radio Monique L.P.s**, hence, we have a number available for the usual price of £6.00..... and finally, as Summer(!) rapidly becomes a memory, our annual T - Shirt offer.... Any three from our current range (Anoraks U.K./Laser 558 / Caroline 576/963 / Laser Hot Hits 576 / Monique / Caroline 319) for just £11.95, instead of £15.00. Don't forget to state size though, we have medium, large and extra large..... Once again, due to the sheer weight of orders, delays are occurring with tapes. This is because of 'real time' used in the production. We regret

the delay, which is also affecting the RBL tape, 'Sounds From The Seas'. This unique latter item has proved itself a winner and represents excellent value at £6.50 for the double cassette

NEW ARRIVALS. It's quiet here too, with very little weight of material arriving this week. **Now Radio**, Issue 35 arrived at it's usual time and in the 28 pages, we found news, reports and features from radio generally, both pirate and legal. A good read for £1 which is the price of a sample copy from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 ONW..... **Communication**, The Monthly Journal of the British DX Club. Edition 154 is now available to club members. It's 24 x A5 pages are packed with logs and reports and general DX features.... For further details, write to Dave Kenny, Dept. AUK, 10 Hemdean Hill, Caversham, Reading RG4 7SB..... The regular **Play - DX**, Issue 472 arrived. 6 x A4 sides of long distance logs and reports, printed partly in English, Spanish and Italian. Details from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy..... Finally, **Freewave**, **Driewekelijks Media Magazine**, Issue 150. This excellent A5 magazine, printed in Dutch covers offshore and Dutch land - based stations mainly. Details from Hans Knot, Postbus 102, 9700 AC Groningen, Holland.

TAPE OFFER. More from California to start off this week and for Tape 94 we have **KCAL** from San Bernardino, with a contemporary hit radio format, on side A, and **KARA** from San Francisco, with a middle of the road format, on side B. Tape 95 features from Oxford, **ISIS FM** and it's diet of general disco/ pop. From Ireland, Tape 96 features **Zee 103**, the 'border blaster'. Music content is pop and rock, rather than the usual Irish and country. Prices remain at £2.00 per C.90 cassette.

DX MEETINGS. **READING:** Saturday 19th September at St. Mary's Centre in Chain Street. Starts at 2:30pm and runs through until 5:30pm. Opportunity for a drink and meal afterwards with fellow DX ers. For further details contact Ron Blair on (0734) 428895.

GENERAL. Any news items at all may be taken from Weekly Report and re - printed, or broadcast, as long as credit is given to WR, if possible mentioning the address.

Postcodes, like many other things, fascinate some people, and we do get the odd query here and there, asking what 'FY' stands for in our code. The answer is 'Fylde', the flat plain on which we live. We actually live in Poulton-le - Fylde. By the way, we are still missing one or two postcodes on your addresses. Mail without codes, is definitely late arriving, we find! So, tell us, right now.

If any foreign subscriber ever wants any mint U.K. postage stamps, for SAE/ QSL purposes, please feel free to request how ever many you require, when ordering other goods. Postage rates abroad from here, are... EEC, 18p... Non - EEC, 22p.... further afield, Israel etc., 29p... USA etc., 31p and N.Z. etc., 34p. We keep plenty in stock at all times.

Anyone wishing to dispose of IRC's should get in touch with us without delay. We have buyers, who wish to avoid paying the Post Office's inflated prices, awaiting.

Please feel free to send us mint postage stamps in payment for goods. Any amount, and we use 13, 18 and 22p ones, mostly. Irish readers may send 28p ones, preferably.

Of interest to many of our readers, may be the booklet "**Community Radio - An Open Door to Media Access**", available for 75p, from East Newcastle Community Radio, St. Anthony of Padua Community Assoc., Welbeck Road, Walker, Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 3BT.

OFFERS. I have a copy of 'Rinky Dink' by the Johnny Howard Band for sale. Best offer by 30th September to... T.P. Joyes, 47 Sanctuary Close, St. John's, Worcester, WR2 5PY.

OFFERS. 'We Love the Pirates' by The Roaring Sixties, on Marmalade records, and in original Marmalade sleeve. Best offer by 30th September to A-UK etc.

OFFERS. A very good copy of the book, 'Radio Caroline' by John Venmore Rowland is up for grabs.... best offers for this excellent collector's item to, D. Blaxhall, 66 Claremont Place, Todmorden, Lancs. OL14 5DX.

WANTED. A copy of an instrumental jingle created in the RNI 'Hans ten Hooge' era and used to back up adverts for mobile discotheques or drive in shows. Also wanted, copies of recent BBC Radio One jingles, not programmes.... Bob, 2 Marcourt Road, Stokenchurch, Bucks HP14 3QX.

WANTED. Recordings of Alan Burns on Energy 103 and both parts of 'Come Rain or Shine : 25 years of the Reading Festival' (due to faulty tape!). Will buy or swap... Contact Nicola Pledge, 2 Helmsdale Road, Lillington, Leamington Spa, Warks. CV32 7DW.

AVAILABLE. I have a super recording (C.60) of Laser Hot Hits 576 coming on the air after problems at 11:00 on 22nd February 1987. On the other side, Laser going off air, with all sorts of problems at 13:23 on 14th February 1987. Both sides featuring D.L. Bogart. If interested, write to me, Ken Lancaster, 121 Upper Wortley Road, Dropping Well, Rotherham, S. Yorks. S61 2AE.

RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND.

Co. Dublin. First off in this area, we hear that things look like getting a bit crowded on the FM band very shortly. Several weeks ago we reported that stations were being asked to cease transmissions above 105.0MHz., due to a new transmitter for Dublin Airport on 108.0MHz. As a result, **Phoenix Radio** have moved down to 94.15MHz. and **Dundrum Community Radio** to 94.8MHz. It now appears that the threshold for the move may now have been set at 104MHz. It is possible that failure to move frequency, could result in raids, similar to those encountered by **Boyneside Radio** in Drogheda some months ago. This means that **Radio Dublin** (104.8MHz.), and **Diamond 106** (106.1MHz.)

will now have to find new frequencies in an already cluttered band.

Not a great deal of news from the 'big three', although listening to **Q 102**, in the week, a new feature was noted.... '10 in a row, commercial free', three times per day, 10:00, 15:00 and 17:00. Plenty of cuttings have arrived from **Sunshine Hot Hits 101**, following their recent 'Big Kahuna' competition, and numerous have been featured in this week's cuttings sheet. The medium wave signal from **Energy 103**, on 738kHz., has been reported by a number of distant listeners, as being considerably down in power, since last weekend, compared to it's rivals, Q and Sunshine.

Radio Cara were reported to have taken over 95.5MHz. from Heartbeat FM, on the morning of 6th September. The real change is understood to be going to happen in the coming weeks, when a new 1kW transmitter will be put into operation on 95.5MHz. Having said that, we hear that according to announcements heard on air in the week, official programmes will begin tomorrow from their newly equipped studios. A new weekend station has appeared on the Dublin city scene, we understand, calling itself **Signal FM**. Broadcasting on 96.0MHz., the station plays 70% pop and 30% oldies and album tracks, from it's base on the South side of the city. **Smile FM**, mentioned in last week's report, on 98.0MHz., is indeed on this frequency, as are **Ranelagh Community Radio**. The result, of course, means that each station can only be heard in it's immediate transmission area. Apparently, Smile FM can also be heard on 94.3MHz. According to Kieran Murray on his Radio Rainbow free radio show, Dundrum Community Radio have now closed, although the carrier on 94.8MHz. remains alive. Word from **KLAS** mentions the purchasing of a new FM transmitter for the South Side, and presumably this item is the old Dundrum C.R. transmitter. **KLAS** will continue to operate on 98.5MHz., as normal. The format of the latter station has changed quite considerably, and it seems very much to be attracting advertisers. A big promotional campaign is planned, along with new sponsored shows. Alterations to the studio, including the installation of new C.D. players and adjustments to the transmitters, will make **KLAS** a force to be reckoned with. Current week day schedule reads.... 09:00 Brian Craig..... 14:00 David Baker (including sponsored programmes)..... 18:00 Dan O'Sullivan. Other presenters include Al O'Rourke, John Walshe, Hugh Hardy, Bryan Lambert, Francis Hogan and David Bradshaw. All at **KLAS** would like to wish presenter, Keith Shanley, a speedy recovery from a very bad and unfortunate accident. **Tallaght Community Radio** are reported to have purchased a new transmitter for use on 91.85MHz. and reports of good reception are indeed being received from a much wider area than previously. The station can also be heard on 1359kHz. on the medium wave.

Going back to the top end of the FM band for a moment and we hear, again, from Kieran Murray, that **Radio Dublin** has returned to 105.2MHz. (with appalling audio, according to Kieran), as has **Diamond 106**, on 106.1MHz. From the North of the county, **Community Radio Fingal** were missing from the air on both Monday and Tuesday of this past week, on 1575kHz., but were noted today, back on both 1575kHz. and 105.85MHz., with an outside broadcast.

Co. LOUTH. **Boyneside Radio** (Drogheda) installed a new 250 watt transmitter on Tuesday 8th September, to try and improve the signal on 100.1MHz, which serves a large area around Drogheda. The previous transmitter was operating at about 90 watts, and is now being serviced to get it back to its original output. Problems had been occurring due to Radio West being on the same frequency. This was meaning that if Radio West left the air on 100.1, then Boyneside was relayed through several of West's transmitters, and also if Boyneside Radio left the air on 100.1, then Radio West was relayed on Boyneside's other transmitters. This situation is hoped to be rectified shortly. **Radio Rainbow International** broadcast their usual 2 hour show today, and it was announced that 200 watts was being used on 96.5MHz. in stereo, in parallel with 1521kHz and 6240kHz. This increase in power meant that the signal was reaching as far as Dungannon in the North. This was actually relaying Boyneside (Drogheda) during Sunday afternoon.

Co. MEATH. **Radio Carousel** in Navan, have once again begun FM transmissions to the town. The main FM transmitter located on a high site outside the town, is reported to be on 103.5MHz., and this is linked up from the studio on 89.9MHz. The 103.5 has been heard over

a wide area already. The MW transmissions continue on 1386kHz, which is now a much clearer channel, since **Kilkenny Community Radio** moved to 1395kHz. and **Kandy Radio** in Ballinasloe, moved to 1404kHz.

Co. MONAGHAN. A new low power station calling itself **Music Power 96** is now on the air in Carrickmacross. We understand that a telephone number of (042) 61601 is currently being used. No further details of this operation are known.

Co. WESTMEATH. Sean Coyne informed us this morning on **Radio West**, that Don Allen had been involved in a car accident last night (Saturday), and that Don was currently being treated in a Cavan hospital. We, as well as many people who rang up Radio West this morning, send our best wishes to Don, and hope that he makes a speedy recovery.

Co. MAYO. **Independent Radio Mayo** were on the air with their new 1kW transmitter (ex Radio Leinster) on Tuesday 8th September. The signal was received very well as far as Mullingar, before Energy 103 began to cause problems. However, later that day, the valves apparently began to cause problems, and the station is currently only on FM until replacement tubes have been obtained.

Co. SLIGO. A new station is reported testing in the town on 98.2MHz., and identifying as **Sligo Community Radio**. It is thought to be the old Radio Sligo transmitter. So far, continuous music has been interspersed with a message indicating test transmissions, stay tuned. **Westside Community Radio** are still on the air on 97.5MHz, and appear to have plenty of adverts.

CAROLINE. Plenty of reports flying around this week, on various info - lines and in magazines about Caroline testing out on shortwave. In fact, since the target area for the intended signals was not to be the U.K., and the aerial system is only temporary (strung to the front ships mast), the station was hoping to keep news of these tests quiet, until a suitable frequency was found. However news soon seems to leak, and plenty of reports were received by us last Sunday night (6th) of the tests on 9940kHz. The signal was audible here briefly in Blackpool after 21:30BST, but soon faded due to the long skip on this frequency. Times of further tests are unknown at present.

This week's line - up has remained unchanged at 05:00 Peter Philips... 09:00 Jackie Lee... 13:00 Keith Francis... 17:00 Simon West... 21:00 Andy Robin... 01:00 Closedown. This weekend, as last, the station ran 24 hours, with Steve Conway being the overnight presenter. The current position of the ship seems to be a good vantage point for viewing goings on in the North Sea. On Wednesday, Jackie Lee mentioned that a giant oil rig was being towed past, and at first she thought it looked like a gigantic insect.

The Territorial Sea Act 1987 (Commencement) Order 1987

Made 21st July 1987

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 21st day of July 1987
Present,
The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 4(2) of the Territorial Sea Act 1987(a), is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Territorial Sea Act 1987 (Commencement) Order 1987.
2. The Territorial Sea Act 1987 shall come into force on 1st October 1987.

LAND - BASED STATIONS. MERSEYSIDE. There seems to be a little confusion regarding the impending court case involving 15 Radio Merseywaves personnel, at Birkehead Magistrates Court. Several dates have been mentioned, but as far as we can ascertain, Wednesday 16th September 1987 appears to be the correct one. Perhaps there is more than one case, we are not too sure, but hope to report on events in next week's issue of WR.

Very little activity has been noted from this area during the past seven days. **Radio Atlantis** seemed to be the sole medium wave representative last Sunday, and managed to continue with programming through until around 18:15, when they went off the air. Later on that evening, **Slag Off International** appeared, on 105.2MHz., but were suffering from a touch of distortion on the signal, especially on the microphone.

After a few problems with their transmitter, **North Coast Radio** returned to the air on Monday (7th), Tuesday (8th) and Thursday (10th), on 104.8MHz., with test

transmissions. The signal was not as strong as their previous broadcasts, but was still just about audible here in Blackpool. Another station to have a weaker signal into our area this week, was **DTI - FM** who were heard during late Tuesday (8th) and Friday (11th), on 106.2MHz. It is possible that the weaker signals are being caused by poor FM conditions at the moment though.

The quiet spell on medium wave ended on Friday morning, when we noted a strong blank carrier on 1350kHz., shortly after 09:00. Close to mid - day, odd noises were noted, followed, at exactly noon, by the official opening of **North Coast Radio**, on medium wave and FM. Dave Collins was the first D.J. heard, and he welcomed listeners to the new station in his usual amusing style, and went on to play numerous familiar tunes, which we recognised as the theme tunes of stations he had previously worked on. Both frequencies stayed on the air for the remainder of the day and were still alive quite late on. Apart from the above two, no other stations were heard on Friday, and there was no sign at all of Radio Merseywaves or Radio Atlantis. NCR was heard, as promised, on Saturday morning, although the audio quality was low and bass heavy. The FM sounded fine, however. The station did not appear at all on Sunday, on medium wave, and we could not hear them on FM.

Saturday morning brought a surprise, with **Radio Merseywaves** back on the air on their usual 1242kHz. We had thought they might stay off the air until after the impending court case, however, Paul Jay was heard at breakfast time, and programmes followed throughout the day. Reception was slightly weaker than normal, but it was good to hear them keeping the listeners in touch, by appearing on the air at least once a week.

Also heard on Sunday were **Radio Veronica** on 104.75MHz., over lunch time, **Slag - Off Int.**, on 105.2MHz., in the early afternoon and an unidentified station on 106.2MHz., assumed to be **DTI FM**.

Looking through Tim Jackson's notes on Merseyside activity for last week, and we see nothing different than we heard or reported, with one exception, he reports an East Coast Radio with a 'one off' test last Saturday but one. We, too, heard this, but with difficulty, and deduced that it was Eastham Community Radio, from Eastham on the Wirral. We await further reports, or indeed transmissions, which, we understand, are due to commence in a week or two.

GLASGOW. After only several broadcasts, Riverside Community Radio were raided on Friday night/ Saturday morning, 11th/ 12th Sept. The station came on the air at 22:00 as usual on Friday night. At midnight, the station operator went to change the tape, at the mobile site, and everything seemed fine. At 00:10 the audio was heard to cut off, although the carrier remained on the air. The operator went to the site to investigate and was met by four DTI officials and two policemen. The equipment was confiscated and one person was charged and will appear in court. As a result of this raid, no stations appeared for the rest of the weekend in this area, although **Radios Unicorn** (Monday), **Mercury** (Wednesday) and **Neon** were all heard earlier in the week. Neon on 103.9MHz., were heard on Thursday night and the programmes included a half hour Anorak show.

THE MIDLANDS. **PCRL** have been reported as being on air all week, on 103.6MHz. **Soul City Radio** made their weekly Sunday morning appearance on 103.85MHz. **U.K. Radio** were heard last Sunday on 015.0MHz., between 20:30 and 22:00. A surprise re - appearance of **Sunshine Radio** from Shropshire, occurred this morning at 07:00. The transmissions were made on 1017kHz. (their former frequency and one which was also intended for the Beacon Radio relay and not used), with power understood to be about 20 watts. Needless to say, we did not receive it here, but a reporter in Cannock heard it.

WEST YORKSHIRE and NORTH HUMBERSIDE. A very quiet week in this area, with **ABC Radio** (94.6) and **MCR** (90.2) both being on air from time to time, but neither continuously for some reason. Radio Veronica was another station not on the air this past week, although **Soundwaves 105** was on the air, from the same city of Bradford. DDC from Keighley was heard on Thursday, on 92.2MHz., with a loop tape simply saying "VHF number four and six" ! From the East, **WLNG** from Scunthorpe was heard on Thursday night, on 104.9MHz. This is the first time for while that this station has been reported on air.

LONDON. Sid reports a slightly quieter band in London last weekend (4th - 7th September), although still plenty of activity... "Touched down on 24 stations - 9 stereo - 1 nearly new, **Chicago 87** (94.5) previously **Horizon 87** - **Busted** - **TKO** (twice?), **RJR**, **WNK**, **Quest**. Returned from busts: **TKO** (once), **RJR** and **RTR**.

South London Raiders FM (97.8) have moved down from last week's opening shows on 97.9MHz., and **Traffic Jam** (97.95) from Wembley are now coming through much more clearly. Maybe it's because they are still settling down, but some confusion seems to exist still, as presenters announce the frequency as anything between 97.7 and 98MHz., but not the frequency they actually broadcast on of 97.8MHz. The mix of live and tape formats has caused further confusion, as on occasions, tapes have been heard repeated several times, notably the excellent Mike Sommers this week, and Canadian Leslie Doe's alternative rock show, last week. As can be seen, there has been a broadening out of format, with a more AOR feel creeping in. Tom Ingram with a mix of 50's rock and roll and R & B classics on both Saturday and Sunday kept the pace going.

Saturday, and R - FM (94.35 stereo) now finding their feet after recent problems, were heard testing a new stereo rig in readiness for an extra long Sunday session, which was heard to finish at just after 03:30 Monday morning, instead of the more normal midnight on Sunday. **London Rock** (104.2) Saturday nights, were heard with an improved signal, as were **SW Sound** (105.4 stereo) who were heard running down the Top Forty album charts from 'Our Price Records' in Fulham Road on Friday night. Briefly heard in low power stereo, were **Clockwork Radio** (89.95 stereo) on Sunday in their normal off - beat manner.

Solar 93 (93.05), on air Friday evening with a Bill Mitchell ID tape loop, experienced transmitter stability problems, before going off air on Saturday, to get it sorted out. By Sunday evening, everything seemed to be to normal with a good stereo signal on frequency as usual.

Quest - FM (89.75) and **TKO** (90.65) seem to be the prime targets for the DoTI people, now that the Greeks are keeping a low profile. Both have suffered from multiple busts recently, with **TKO** going down twice this week. **Quest**'s problems may have something to do with their sitting on top of a low power Radio 2 relay at Coulsden only a few miles away. The same may apply to **RTR** (90.35) which returned after several weeks silence on Saturday evening, to sit right over the top of the Guildford radio 3 transmitter. It is understood they were off air by Monday evening.

Difficulties for North London reggae station **City Radio** (94.5), who, like **WNK** split from **RJR** some months back. Both of the latter have been off-air lately from busts, but **RJR** (89.95 stereo) returned in the early hours of Monday morning. Just as **City** seem to have their frequency and power problems sorted out, along comes **Chicago 87** on the same frequency (94.5). Although claiming total London coverage, **City**'s transmitters really only give good North London reception, and, as **Chicago 87** seem to come in well South of the river, the only overlap occurs in Central London. **Chicago 87** is a re - incarnation of the **Horizon 87** project, which has been going in fits and starts at weekends for several months. The name change is believed to reflect the style of music being played, that of **Chicago 'House'** style.

Future difficulties are assured for **JBC** (104.75 stereo) and they will have to look for a new frequency, as reports say that BBC engineers are due to start testing for a London FM Radio 1 service in October.

LWR (91.85 stereo and 92.1 stereo) appear to have avoided the DoTI people by changing their transmitting site from the high level of Crystal Palace, to the nether regions of Brixton. This however, does not stop them from blanking out new neighbours **Sky - FM** (91.7 stereo) from most of London, with their secondary signal. It is still not clear whether the 91.85 signal is from a primary source or is a particularly dirty second harmonic.

The very powerful **ARL** (102.45) signal is being put out with typical Arab bone crushing high modulation levels, and was heard putting out a call to the faithful on Friday evening (4th Sept.) The Greek station, previously reported as being this, or close, frequency, seems to have disappeared, possibly because their own frequency was being swamped by **ARL**. Also swamped, was Friday nights transmission by the station previously ID'd as **LT - FM**, but now thought to be **C - FM** (?). Further confirmation to follow."

Our thanks, as always, to Sid, for this week's report.

Reported, this weekend... **CDR** on 88.7, **Sky FM** on 91.7, **LWR** on 91.95 and 92.1 (only heard on 92.1 on Sunday - Problems cleared up?), **Solar 93** on 93.0, **Kiss FM** on 93.95, **City Radio** on 94.3, **RFM** on 94.3, **Raiders FM** on 97.8, **Traffic Jam** on 98.0, **Fresh FM** on 103.3, **Time FM** on 103.7, **JBC** on 104.75 and **London Rock** on 105.0. Also heard, a station on 90.9MHz. (Faze 1?) and an Asian on 90.85MHz. plus a stereo carrier on 94.5MHz.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS....Log for 13th September 1987).

6200kHz...**RADIO NIGHT SHADOW**, at 08:51gmt.

6204kHz...**SUPERCLAN RADIO**, at 09:05gmt.

6209kHz...**UNID.**, at 09:10gmt.

6215kHz...**UNID.**, at 11:12gmt.

6230kHz...**RADIO EAST COAST COMM.**, at 11:25gmt.

6240kHz...**RADIO RAINBOW INT.**, at 10:14gmt.

6270kHz...**RADIO PAMELA**, at 09:34gmt.

6275kHz...**RADIO RAINBOW GERMANY**, at 09:48gmt.

6275kHz...**RADIO WAVES INT.**, at 11:10gmt.

6277kHz...**UNID.**, at 09:45gmt.

6280kHz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 11:15gmt.

6285kHz...**RADIO APOLLO**, at 09:51gmt.

6290kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 10:50gmt.

6293kHz...**P.F.B.S.**, at 09:30gmt.

6294kHz...**RADIO NOVA (BELGIUM)**, at 10:32gmt.

6300kHz...**SPECTRUM LEISURE COMM.**, at 09:26gmt.

6301kHz...**W.F.R.L.**, at 09:27gmt.

6315kHz...**VOICE OF THE GOSPEL**, at 09:40gmt.

6315kHz...**DELTA RADIO** (or **TELSTAR?**), at 09:57gmt.

6318kHz...**W.L.R.**, at 09:40gmt.

6480kHz...**UNID.** (Dutch), at 11:10gmt.

6910kHz...**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 09:48gmt.

7361kHz...**RADIO 101**, at 09:53gmt.

Conditions on the shortwave were not too good, with a very noisy band being experienced here in Blackpool. As usual, the logs in **bold** were heard by us, and the others kindly telephoned in by listeners in Manchester, Hampshire and the Midlands on (0253) 882017.

Superclan Radio was heard this morning relaying **Caroline 558**, followed by a pre - recorded programme by **Rob Charles**, which was apparently taped specially for the station when **Rob** was on board the **Ross Revenge**. **Superclan Radio** was also heard on Tuesday 8th September, with tapes of old **Monique** programmes, as well as relays of several Dutch free radio stations. These tests were carried out on 6258kHz., 6204kHz. and 6220kHz., in preparation for today's broadcast, and duly received here in Blackpool.

The unidentified station heard on 6209kHz., by one of our loggers, was heard to mention a **Radio Echo**, it was thought. However, according to the operator of **Riverside Radio Int.**, a new Dutch station, called **Radio Indigo**, has been relayed recently on this frequency. These two could be one and the same, we think.

Radio East Coast Commercial were suffering badly with teleprinter interference at our location, and were hardly audible except on a very narrow band - width receiver.

Following the end of the **Free Radio Show** on **Radio Rainbow**, the transmitters relayed **Energy 103** from **Dublin**, and **Boyneside Radio** from **Drogheda**. Around 6275kHz., two stations were fading in and out, with each other, and whilst we identified **Rainbow Radio Germany**, others heard **Radio Waves**, who in turn possibly relayed **Pogo 104**. Two reporters also heard an unidentified station, slightly higher on 6277kHz., around 09:45gmt., but were unable to ascertain what it was.

Confusion occurred around a couple of frequencies this morning, including the 6293 area, where there was severe noise, and we thought we received **Radio Nova Belgium**. Other loggers heard **P.F.B.S.** The other area was 6300kHz., where **Spectrum** and **W.F.R.L.** were broadcasting only 1 kiloHertz apart, making listening to either station here, and no doubt in many other areas, impossible. **Border Radio** was heard on this frequency later, and we assume it was relayed by **Spectrum**, as last week.

The operators of **Radio Stella** inform us that they now have their transmitters in the Irish Republic operational. 6318kHz. will carry **Radio Stella** on the fourth Sunday of the month, between 08:00 and 11:00 GMT. They will also be heard on 7315kHz., on the second and fifth Sundays, between the same hours. **W.L.R.** will also use the same transmitters, but on the first Sunday on 7315kHz., and the third Sunday on 6318kHz.

The WEEKLY

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The changeover from Summer to Winter conditions invariably brings in some surprising catches on medium wave, particularly just after dusk and aroundabout dawn time. With this in mind, we had a quick 'twiddle' on the bands in the week, and to our surprise found Radio Finland with a massive signal on 963kHz. Now, was this just conditions, or was it that 600 kw. transmitter they have been promising (threatening?) for some time? We fear it could be the latter, as reports of similar reception have been received from a number of places, including several from Holland. Having mentioned that, have a tune around for 'new world' stations at these times. 930kHz. is always a good one to check for, as it seems to appear first, on many occasions. Also, check for the tell - tale heterodynes along the band, this means a good night in store, usually. (The reason for the heterodynes, of course, is the fact that stations are spaced 10kHz. apart, compared with 9kHz. on this side. Example: European on 927kHz./Newfoundland one on 930kHz... result, 3kHz heterodyne whistle, etc., etc.). Do remember that conditions vary dramatically and some nights yield absolutely nothing at all. It's all depends on the ionospheric layers way up above us.

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ANORAKS U.K. INFO - LINE. As from 23rd September we will be using two consecutive numbers, for news up - dates and information retrieval respectively. (0795) 511118 will be the new number to dial for information about the latest happenings in the free radio world. After dialling, you will hear a three minute message which updates the news in the most recent 'Weekly Report'. If you wish to leave any news for inclusion either on the 'Info - Line' or in the next 'Weekly Report', then the number to dial is (0795) 511119. NO OTHER NUMBERS ARE NOW IN USE.

NEW MERCHANDISE. We have a limited number of **Caroline 558/ Monique 963 T - Shirts** available in large size only, and recently imported from Holland. A sketch of the Ross Revenge, taken from the current Monique postcard, with the two stations and frequencies printed beneath in black, contrast rather well, on good quality white shirts. The price is £5.00. All special offers since the Driftback 20 Convention are still running (until 30th September), including the T - Shirt special from last week, where you can buy three shirts, any design or size, for the reduced price of £11.95. It may be your last chance to take advantage of such reasonable prices for T - shirts, as an increase is inevitable in the very near future..... **BRS News** has now ceased publication, but for those who missed out on this day by day record of free radio activity in London, we now have available sets (numbers 1 to 7 inclusive) of the magazine. For those interested in keeping histories, this gives very good coverage between late 1985 and August 1987. These are only available from us as a set, and are priced at £5.50 for the 7 x A4 magazines. Single copies of the final issue (reviewed below) can be obtained for £1 from BRS, BCM BRS, London WC1N 3XX.... **Wavelength No. 17** is now available for 75p. This latest well presented issue contains 20 x A5 pages of general free radio reading..... Due to a great demand, Radio Monique canvas bags are out of stock. Until further supplies arrive from Holland, we are unable to despatch any further orders for these surprisingly popular items. We are not too sure at this stage when exactly further supplies will become available.

NEW ARRIVALS. First to arrive this week, was **FRS Goes DX** No. 61/62 from FRS Holland. 20 x A5 pages, here too, all English, with the emphasis on short wave, although offshore is well covered, as is the recent convention in London. Reader's letters are also a feature. Details from FRS Holland, Postbus 41, 7700 AA Dedemsvaart, Holland..... **Media Monitor**, the latest issue, No. 54, was published earlier this week. As usual, all types of radio are covered in this publication, which this time has special features on Radio Thailand, Radio in the Faroes and the continuation of a history of free radio. Free radio news, and legal station schedules are also included in this A5 magazine, and there is certainly plenty of reading within its 40 pages. Samples cost £1 (England) or 5 x IRC's from Roger Tidy, 88/90 Grays Inn Road, London WC1X 8AA, England.... **BRS News** No. 7 (the final issue) arrived here this week, and gives a very detailed log of the 'free radio' activity in the London area between 13th July and 31st August 1987. Addresses of all the stations are also listed. Due to this being the final issue, a mini

history of the London land - based scene since 1985, has also been included, along with a few interesting facts and figures. No. 7 (18 x A4 pages) can be obtained for £1 from BRS, BCM - BRS, London WC1N 3XX. Cheques payable to A. Gordon please.... **CM Thanet Branch Newsletter** No. 21 arrived this week. If you live in the Kent area and would like to help swell the numbers attending the Thanet Branch monthly meetings, then contact Jenny Knight, at 121 Monkton Street, Monkton, Ramsgate, Kent CT12 4JG, for details of forthcoming venues. An s.a.e. will also obtain you a copy of the 2 page newsletter..... finally, **Current Piratelist 5**, which appears monthly, is now available from Stefan Printz, Apelvagen 13, 330 17 Rydaholm, Sweden, for \$1 or 2 x IRC's. This A5 booklet lists all current shortwave station names and addresses. SW enthusiasts are urged to obtain a copy of this well laid out list.

TAPE OFFERS. Once again it's back to New York, with yet another choice of music which is available to listeners in the 'Big Apple'. This time we feature as Tape 97, **WSOU FM**, which is a non - commercial radio station operated by the students of Seton Hall University. This is actually located across the river from the city, in the State of New Jersey. Heavy rock has been the format of this 2000 watt operation for the past year, following its change from AOR. Although greeted with scepticism at first by the record companies, during recent months, many of these have come to respect the station for being the only outlet for promotion of new 'heavy rock' bands. They claim all other stations are playing it safe with 'softer rock'. As mentioned previously there are no commercials, and all the other fillers /identifications appear to be home made by the students. Certainly not one for the disco or sweet music fan! Back to Ireland for a recording of a relatively new West coast station, **Independent Radio Mayo**. Broadcasting on FM only for some time, from which this recording was taken, the station now has a powerful AM transmitter on 738kHz. This is Tape 98. Finally, from Ireland, but further South and Limerick city's **Sound Channel FM** features as Tape 99. This station is unusual for one outside Dublin, as it features a lot of traffic and news information. All tapes are C.90's and the price remains at £2.00 each.

WANTED. I would desperately like to buy or borrow a VHS copy of the C4 programme 'Eleventh Hour'. Contact Steve Saville, 7 Aggis Farm Road, Verwood, Dorset BH21 6QD...Tel: (0202) 825654 (after 6:00pm).

WANTED. Caroline Overdrive tapes, I am willing to buy... contact Mark Hawes, 26 Westhorpe, Burwell, Cambridgeshire CB5 0DJ.

GENERAL. We received a letter via Monitor, asking if

we could elaborate on a rumour heard, suggesting that Caroline North and RNI D.J., Jason Wolfe had died. We would be obliged if anyone could enlighten us as to whether this is true?

The CM East Surrey Branch meet every first Tuesday of the month (6th Oct., next) at the Home Cottage Public House at Redstone Hill in Redhill. Meetings are informal and new members are welcome to come along. Various guests often appear and have done so over the past three years. The pub itself appears in the Good Beer Guide (since 1975!).

FOR SALE. AM - FM Telecommunications Ltd., suppliers and Installers of Radio Broadcasting Equipment, have a range of transmitters, UHF links etc. available in their latest sales list, just at hand. Write to 29 Durham Road, Sandymount, Dublin 4. for latest list or tel: (01) 693436.

FOR SALE. Caroline Overdrive and L.A. jingles, studio quality. Features all the O'drive jingles ever aired, plus many of the L.A. ones. For this collector's item, send £2.00 (cheques payable to D. Wallis), to Anchor Prods., c/o 73 Middle Mead, Hook, Hants. RE27 9NX.

RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND.

Co. DUBLIN. The new weekend only station mentioned last week, **Signal Radio** on 96MHz., informs us that they are currently using 50 watts of power. They hope to improve the signal shortly, with a higher transmitting mast. The station has openings for 3 presenters, and anyone interested should contact them at Signal FM, Mount Venus Road, Dublin 16.

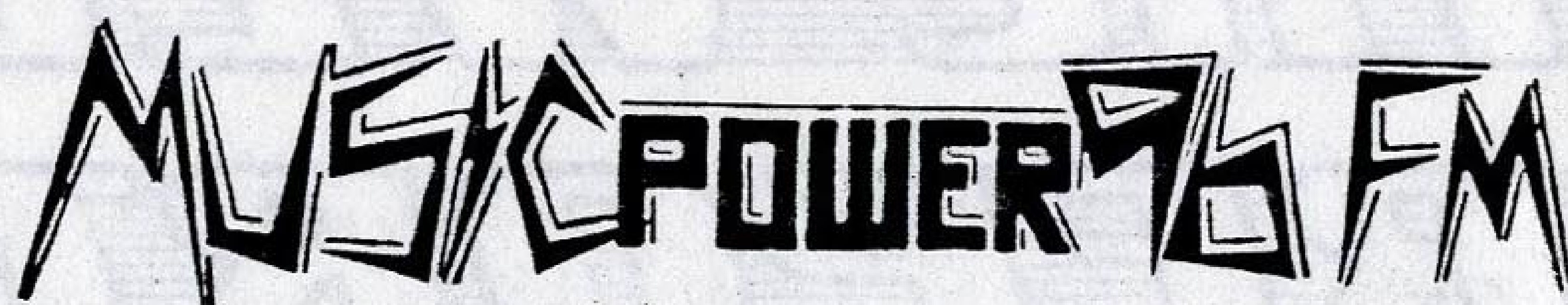
Latest news from **Energy 103...** 'some slight adjustments have been made to the current schedule. Gareth O'Callaghan now hosts the European Top Forty Show each Sunday, from 12:00 till 15:00 and Tony McKenzie has taken over the Saturday Morning Breakfast Show from 07:00 until 12:00. Noel Clancey is filling in on overnight shows whilst Liam Coburn is away. Latest signing, Cassidy Jones, is one of the D.J.'s featured in this month's "Mix - Mag". And, finally, the re - painting of the Energy building on Leeson Street is nearly finished and the new colour is black for all doors, window ledges, stair rails etc.'..... Michael Mahon for Energy Power 103. Reports coming in from outside Dublin, tell us that **Independent Radio Mayo** can now be received on 738kHz. This station recently bought the professional transmitting rig of former Dublin pirate, Radio Leinster, which accounts for the rather good signal getting out from Castlebar.

Owner of **Liberties Radio 104**, Sammy Prendergast, was heard live on **Radio West's** free radio show this morning. He was appealing for help in raising funds for a bone marrow transplant for Irish girl, Shanaide Jordan, who is only 9 months old. £150,000 is needed for the life - saving bone marrow operation, which will be carried out in the USA. £12,000 has already been raised by Liberties, and Sammy was confident that the remainder could be raised with the help of further publicity on as many other stations as possible. Anyone who wishes to donate, should ring the station on Dublin (01) 538870.

Co. LIMERICK. A report from Limerick city tells us that the current line - up on **The Sound Channel** (one of this week's offers) is as follows.... 07:00 Neil McLeod, 10:00 John Malhoney, 12:30 Frank Johnstone (ex Horizon, Big 'L', West and WLS), who covers the afternoon. The station is apparently doing quite well at the moment, with about 30 adverts being aired, of these, about 10 are from the agencies. A new relay is planned in the next couple of weeks. **Hits 954** is sounding well on FM, but the AM could be better, we are told. **Radio Luimni** and 'John the Man' remain the same and **Stereo Radio Munster** is reported to be about to close down, according to a 'buzz' around town.

Co. MONAGHAN. During the week, we received the following information from **Music Power 96 FM**. "Music Power 96 FM is a new radio station serving Carrickmacross in Co. Monaghan, and surrounding areas. It has a good coverage area of about an 8 mile radius around the town. Music Power came on air on 27th August 1987, having been previously testing for just over a week, but whether it survives depends on the advertisers support. The week-day line - up is at present... 08:00 Martin Maguire... 12:00 Country programme... 14:00 Ian Akers (except Dermot McDonnell on Wednesday)... 18:00 Gerry Callan... 20:00 John McClusky...22:00 Dermot McDonnell until closedown. The format is basically pop and m.o.r., with a daily country

show between 12:00 and 14:00. Requests can be made on Carrickmacross (042) 61601. The signal appears to be getting out quite well, as a report of it being received in Dundalk is at hand.



Music Power - Carrick's new Radio Station

Co. LOUTH. Signal strength on **Boyneside Radio North** on 1233kHz., seemed noticeably lower towards the end of the week, making reception of the adjacent **KLB** from Co. Kildare, much better. In Dundalk, **Telstar Community Radio**, are understood to have dropped their second MW outlet, on 1170kHz., which is not surprising, as it is a very busy channel. 1197kHz. continues as normal. The old **Radio Carousel** aerial above the Dundalk Shopping Centre appears to have been taken down. It has remained there since the station moved out a considerable time ago.

RADIO CAROLINE / m.v. ROSS REVENGE. A change in staff occurred mid - week, with Tony Peters being heard at drive - time on Wednesday, and a new presenter apparently being heard following Tony, although due to poor reception, we were unable to ascertain his identity, apart from being able to tell that he had an Irish accent. The following day, Thursday, the line up settled at, 05:00 Peter Philips... 09:00 Jackie Lee... 13:00 Tony Peters... 17:00 Andy Robin... 21:00 Possibly Chris Kennedy, although no one we have spoken to seems too sure. 01:00 Close down, except at the weekend, when Steve Conway manages to stay awake all night to fill in between 01:00 and 05:00. Simon West and Keith Francis are the two D.J.'s relieved. In view of what happened last year, Christmas cards not reaching the ship till March, D.J.'s have been heard asking people to post them as soon as possible, in order that they may receive them in good time, and display them on the studio wall during the festive season.

We failed to mention in last week's report, that across on **Radio Monique**, the International Breakfast Show on Sunday 13th September was reported as hosted by none other than engineer, Mike Watts. This is the first time we believe he has been on the air, since the excellent 'Blues' programmes he hosted on 'Caroline Overdrive' last Christmas. Whilst on the subject of 963kHz., we have not monitored late in the evening for some time, however, when we did listen early last week, we found Radio Finland with a colossal signal on the same frequency. It is possible to null out Finland in our area to receive Viewpoint 963, but in a car which has an omni directional aerial, only Radio Finland is audible. We would like to hear from any listeners in the South East of England, who have noticed any difference in night - time reception on this frequency. We are still uncertain as to whether the 600kW. transmitter has been introduced, or whether conditions are just odd at the moment, with the change over from Summer to Winter conditions. According to a couple of messages this week, similar problems are also occurring in Holland, during the hours of darkness.

Finally, an interesting item was sent to us by Andy in Shropshire. According to some information sent to him by Johan Maasbach, a new all day station is to begin operation with 10kW on 6205kHz., called "World Mission Radio". Not much you might think, until you notice the map on which the details are printed, showing the prospective coverage area. The centre of the signals are emanating from The South East of England!!!

m.v. COMMUNICATOR. During a flight over the Thames Estuary, last Thursday (15th September), it was noticed that the Communicator was now back in the Knock Deep. The report also mentioned that there was not a sign of any aerial masts as yet. Despite this, a television news report in East Anglia, on Wednesday (16th), told everyone that Laser would be back on the air next month with two services. Things are certainly looking promising for a re-launch, especially now that the merchandise offered last December has now been sent out with promotional material for the return of Laser. So keep tuned to 576kHz. in the coming weeks!

OTHER SHIPS. No news from the U.S.A. about the future of Radio New York International, although the owners insist it will return. Following the raid on the ship, the operators of a small 1kW AM station in Babylon, New York gave over the entire broadcast day on 5th August to the RNI jocks. Since 5th September, they do the same each Saturday from noon until sign off, playing their 'free - form' rock programmes. For those interested in American radio, the station in question, WNYG, is a daytime only station operating on 1440kHz. This means that depending on the time of year, the closedown may vary from 18:00 (Winter) to 21:00 (Summer). A daytime only license, allows broadcasting only between dawn and dusk.

Little news from the **Voice of Peace**, apart from a small item in the most recent edition of Now Radio, which states that a new D.J. by the name of John McDonald has joined the rather depleted team in the Med. John hails from Scotland we understand. In the meantime, we are informed that station owner, Abie Nathan, is due in England shortly, to recruit a number of replacement staff, both disc jockeys and engineers.

There is absolutely no news about the Nannell project, and one cannot help thinking that the chances of it ever becoming a radio station are pretty slim. However, we said that in early 1983 about a ship called the Ross Revenge, anchored very close to where the Nannell is today, and see what happened, but then the Nannell does not have a Ronan O'Rahilly behind it!

LAND - BASED STATIONS. MERSEYSIDE. Despite all the confusion over the date of the Radio Merseywaves Court Case in the past week (it was actually the 16th), we did manage to ascertain the results of same. It appears that there were lots of people being charged, but all the cases except one were deferred until 5th November. Only Dave Collins pleaded guilty and was actually prosecuted, and although he did not receive a fine (he was bound over for two years), he had to pay costs amounting to a staggering £231. All in all, Dave got a very bad deal from the court.

Still on the subject of court cases, in Tim Jackson's report, he informs us that the case arising from the raid on Radio Merseyland, has been postponed from 17th, until some unknown date in October. Tim also reports hearing **Liverpool Pirate Radio**, and **Radio Veronica International**, both in the 1400kHz. area of the band last weekend. We were unable to hear either of these, possibly due to some strong local interference.

Not a lot of activity during the week from this area. **Radio Merseywaves** stayed on the air into Monday, and were heard throughout the day with a good signal. However they failed to appear at all during this weekend.

Radio Atlantis were once again on the air on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Actual programmes were rather infrequent, and just continuous music was being played most of the time. 976kHz. was again being used, which results in a nasty whistle (5kHz.), between Atlantis and ICBS in Dublin, who operate on 981kHz. A possible change to 963kHz. on Saturday did not materialise.

North Coast Radio were the only station station to be putting out regular programmes this weekend, and they commenced on Friday afternoon. Their medium wave frequency of 1350kHz., is now back to the good modulation of the first broadcast, and makes pleasant listening. The FM transmissions (104.85 stereo) are only just receivable here in Blackpool, and we assume that either the power has been turned down, or the location has been changed.

The only stations we heard this weekend were **Radio Veronica** on 104.75kHz., today, around lunchtime and **Liverpool Pirate Radio** on 1398kHz., with very weak signal, again, around lunchtime Sunday.

YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE and DERBYSHIRE. Ronald and Anthony from the Chesterfield area report hearing **Rebel Radio** on Friday 11th September, on 105.3MHz. They were on the air between 19:00 and 22:00. A telephone line was in operation for requests, and answers to a competition being held. The station have news on the half hour, although this is lifted from a local station, whose ID is cut out when Rebel radio insert their own identification. Ronald reports that the signal in his area was good. Also heard in this area was **Radio Nemesis**, which broadcasts between 13:45 and 15:00, around 105MHz. Apparently this station operates on a different frequency each week, but is always in the area between 105.0 - 106.0MHz. Again the signal is good in the Chesterfield area. It is understood

that there will be no further broadcasts after 27th September, due to other commitments by the station owners. Despite being off the air for a week or so, the signal from Bradford's **Radio Veronica** seems to cover ever larger areas. Last Sunday (13th), not only did Ronald hear them as far South as Chesterfield, but they were also received very clearly here in Blackpool, on 105.5MHz. We also heard Veronica on Wednesday night, but this time the signal was not as good, and the frequency was 104.95MHz.

A new station was heard in the Rotherham area on Sunday 13th and Monday 14th last. Calling itself **Solid Soul Radio**, it broadcast on 106.0MHz., each evening. No more information on this one is yet available.

Soundwaves 105 seem to be having a few problems with both audio and signal. Sometimes one or the other, or both causing problems with broadcasts. They were however, heard on the air on Monday, Tuesday and Friday of this past week. On one evening, they gave out an address of 12 Primley House, Allerton, Bradford.

In Leeds, the hours of both **MCR** (90.2) and **ABC FM** (94.6) have been rather erratic recently, although both are still to be heard from time to time.

THE MIDLANDS. Reported from this area, **Radio PCRL** on 103.6MHz., with regular, daily transmissions, and **Sunshine Radio**, 'community radio for Shropshire', the latter with Sunday only transmissions on 1017kHz.

RENFREWSHIRE. Despite the recent raid on Riverside Community Radio last week, **Radio Unicorn** made it's usual Monday broadcast between 21:30 and 00:15, on 103.2MHz. **Neon Radio** was also on the air the same evening, with a more powerful transmitter 103.9MHz. The only other station on the air in the past week, was **Radio Mercury**, which was on the air for around twenty minutes on 96.1MHz., on Thursday evening. Throughout this short time, the signal was distorted and had a large band - width. Presumably the engineers were unable to rectify this fault and consequently the station left the air. Today, Neon Radio came on the air as usual at 13:00 with a slightly amended name of **Neon Community Radio**. They put out the Riverside Community Radio programme which would have been aired on the said station. On returning to it's own programmes, Neon had a new competition, called 'Cryptic Clues for the DTI', on which subtle clues to their current whereabouts were read out over the backing track of 'I Spy for the DTI'.

LONDON. Yet again, a slight reduction in stations heard in the city was noted last week, as Sid gives us his report for the period 10th - 14th September... "Touchdown on 22 stations - 10 in stereo - Busted were RJR, Phase 1, RTR, Studio 1, KISS, ARL, City and TKO. - Returned TKO, KISS and City.

The move of the **LWR** (91.85 and 92.1, both stereo), studio / transmitter base from Crystal Palace to Brixton, is now believed to have taken place some weeks ago. The loss of height caused a large hole to be revealed in the reception profile. It was to counteract this, that an off - air relay has been set up in the slightly higher Sutton / Croydon area, on 91.85MHz., also in stereo. Whilst at **LWR**, it has been noticed that a number of jocks have gone off the rosters, including the oft mentioned Camilla, whose dulcit tones enlivened many a weekend, and whose slots are now being filled by others, even though the programmes are keeping the same names. Staff changes were later confirmed, when morning man Wayne Turner ran down a list of weekend programme slots and then decided that two of those he had named had now left the station. Later still, and a series of promos have been heard, asking for prospective jocks to send in demo tapes - with the emphasis of the tapes being on the links rather than the music. Applicants of either sex, any age, or any musical bent, should apply to the usual address.

Another slight frequency move for the 'Heavy Dudes of Wembley Reggae Rockers' **Traffic Jam FM** (98.0). An increase in power, now makes them more easily heard, but as most of the links are in very fast patois, with extra heavy echo, it is not that much more intelligible. They do play the best of the 'Ragamuffin reggae', although at weekends, it has been noticed that an increasing amount of soul is creeping in.

Girls FM (97.0) made another in their endless series of tests, on Saturday (12th), and Sunday (13th). First heard amid much local media publicity back in January, they have recently been reported as making a series of mid - week tests. It is, as the name implies, supposed to be an all

female staffed station, but so far, the only girls heard were during January tests.

It has finally been possible to get a handle on the Asian station that has been continually on the move since the arrival of **Faze 1** in April. As **Faze 1** now seem to be settled on 91.0MHz., the Asians have moved down to the much cleaner 90.8MHz. After listening to what seemed like an endless series of dual language ads for Halal butchers, hi-fi stores, and supermarkets, they finally ID'd as **Sina Radio International (S.R.I.)**. Perhaps with initials like that, they ought to be re-christened **Swinging Radio India!** Programme content is the familiar traditional Indian music.

There has been very little activity from the Greek community of late, except for a so far unidentified station currently on 104.35MHz. First heard a few weeks ago on 102.4MHz., it very quickly became swamped by the very loud **ARL (102.45)**. It has been heard fairly regularly on 104.35 lately, and maybe this has caused **London Rock (Saturdays 105.0)** previously on 104.25MHz., to move up to the slot now vacant for the last few weeks since **LGR** disappeared. The mixed rock format remains the same, and although sound quality seems to have been enhanced, reception is definitely down.

Meanwhile on 102.45, **ARL** were heard playing an extended Arabic version of 'Happy Birthday to You' on Friday night. This must have seemed like an open invitation to the DoTI people who joined the party a little later. Further victims of the DoTI people's night out were **City Radio (94.5)**, **KISS FM (93.95 stereo)**, who were both back by Saturday evening. **RTR (90.25)** and **RJR (90.0)** went down earlier in the week, as did **TKO**, again. **Studio 1 (92.65)** disappeared on Friday afternoon.

Like **LWR**, **TKO** seem to have been planning a major relocation. **TKO** returned Sunday from their latest bust, not on the expected 90.65MHz., but way up the band on the slot held by **ARL**, and so conveniently cleared by the DoTI people on Friday night. Evidently planned for some time, as custom made Bill Mitchell voice overs were heard amid the test tapes, announcing the new frequency. The signal was loud, clear, and in stereo, and on a par with the market leaders **Time FM (103.7 stereo)**. So far unconfirmed, it is believed that the studio / transmitter base has also moved.

What started out appearing to be another quiet weekend, again has proved to be an interesting occasion."

Reported as being heard so far this weekend..... **RJR** on 90.0MHz., **RTR** on 90.2, **Greek/Arabic** on 90.5, **Asian (Sina?)** on 90.8, **LWR** on 91.8 and 92.1, **Studio 1** on 92.6, **Kiss FM** on 93.95, **RFM** on 94.3, **Chicago 87** on 94.5, **City Radio** on 94.65, **Girls FM** on 96.95, **Raiders FM** on 97.7, **Traffic Jam** on 98.0, **TKO** on 102.4, **Fresh FM** on 103.3, **Time** on 103.7, **Greek** on 102.4 and **JBC** on 104.8MHz.

Conspicuous by their absence this weekend are **Solar** and **CDR**. **Faze 1** have not been heard since 11th Sept., and **Quest** have not been heard for some time before this.

SHORTWAVE STATIONS.

News reached us a little late for printing, last week, about a visit by the Department of Trade and Industry to the premises of **Radio Pamela** on 13th September, when they removed a 50 watt shortwave, and a 125 watt medium wave transmitter. The operator of the station, **Steve Most**, tells us the following details..... "Yesterday (Sunday), **Radio Pamela** was raided at 13:45BST whilst in the midst of calling **CQ**. We had luckily finished our programmes, and all those were out of the way. All the studio was taken as well as two radios, one being a MW/FM stereo tuner not even being used. Also two CB radios were taken, which were not connected either, nor being used for the station. I asked the DTI what they were up to, taking the CB radios, and they said 'all must go that we think may of been used at sometime for your station'. " The DTI also asked **Steve** how long ago the MW had been used. When asked why, they replied they had been monitoring 186m for some months and it was well known about. Each time **Steve** asked the DTI any questions, he was told by the Police present to stop asking stupid questions!! He was also told not to go and see a lawyer, as he had not yet been prosecuted, and they had to have words with their 'boss' about what is to happen!! The DTI officials inform **Steve** that the studio items and the radios etc., would be returned, but they would strongly urge for the transmitters to be

confiscated. **Steve** also informs us that two other stations were raided before **Pamela**. One was **Radio Radar**, who were visited at 13:00BST, and at the time were operating on 6761kHz. The name of the other station is not known, but it was local to the Kent area. **Radio Pamela** wish to say thanks to all those who have supported them in the past with letters and encouragement. **Pamela** hope to be back as soon as possible.

Shortwave stations seem to have been left alone in recent years, as the DTI go after the 7 day 'pirate', but this has been the third station to be raided so far this year. One interesting point to note is that all three stations raided so far (**F.M.T.R.**, **Orion** and **Pamela**), were all ones who appeared regularly each Sunday, and every day in the case of **Radio Orion**.

More bad news greeted us via the pages of **Media Monitor**, as we discovered that the operator of **Radio Orion** was recently fined £200 at **Sutton Coldfield Magistrates Court**. The case was a result of the raid on the station on 24th February, following complaints from the Danish Military. At the time, **Mike Wilson**, the operator was confident that the search warrants were not in order, as they had been signed by a Magistrate from the wrong district. However, the law works in mysterious ways, and he received a summons anyway. **Mike** also had to pay £125 costs, although this was much less than the prosecution had asked for (£560), claiming that they had spent fifteen hours tracking the station down.

Log for Today...Sunday 20th September 1987.

6204kHz...UNID., at 13:12gmt.
6210kHz...RIGHT WING RADIO, at 08:45gmt.
6210kHz...RADIO INDIGO, at 07:55gmt.
6210kHz...RIVERSIDE RADIO, at 09:27gmt.
6223kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 11:02gmt.
6230kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMM., at 12:08gmt.
6240kHz...RADIO RAINBOW INT., at 11:10gmt.
6273kHz...RADIO BUTTERCUP INT., at 10:06gmt.
6275kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 08:09gmt.
6275kHz...RAINBOW RADIO GERMANY, at 09:15gmt.
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 09:05gmt.
6280kHz...B.B.M.S., at 09:08gmt.
6280kHz...POGO 104, at 10:55gmt.
6285kHz...W.M.R., at 12:15gmt.
6290kHz...RADIO ORION, at 09:30gmt.
6295kHz...UNID., at 08:50gmt.
6300kHz...SPECTRUM LEISURE COMM., at 08:08gmt.
6300kHz...BORDER RADIO at 09:01gmt.
6311kHz...RADIO SCORPIO, at 09:17gmt.
6315kHz...UNID., at 10:10gmt.
6318kHz...W.L.R., at 09:09gmt.
6577kHz...RADIO BRIGITTE, at 09:44gmt.
6850kHz...RADIO SOUNDS INT., at 10:00gmt.
7315kHz...RADIO STELLA, at 08:25gmt.
7320kHz...RADIO PACMAN, at 08:54gmt.
7361kHz...RADIO 101, at 08:34gmt.
7426kHz...RADIO TWILIGHT ZONE, at 09:23gmt.

Conditions today were excellent, giving strong, stable signals throughout the morning. There were just odd moments when conditions dropped. Logs in **BOLD** type are ours, here in Blackpool. Others were kindly rung in on (0253) 882017, by loggers in Norfolk, the Midlands, Devon and Scotland.

The station relayed by **Riverside Radio (Radio Indigo)** have an address of Postbus 19074, 3501 DB Utrecht, Holland.

Prior to **Radio Rainbow Int.** commencing it's free radio programme, continuous music and air-checks/jingles from the old **Radio Maeva**, were broadcast. Following **Kieran Murray**, **Heady Eddie** was heard with golden oldies until 12:30gmt. The station then relayed **Boyneside Radio** thereafter. The **Radio Buttercup** heard on 6273kHz., was giving out the same address as **Rainbow (6240kHz.)**. This station claims to be coming from the east coast of Ireland, although we have no further details about it. The voice sounded rather familiar, though!

Border Radio is being relayed via **Spectrum**. **Harry Marshall** actually announces 6300Khz., which means that the tapes are not just simply old **Border Radio** tapes.

Another new station to us, **Radio Twilight Zone**, was giving out an address of Postbus 41, 8080 AA Elburg, Holland.

Our thanks once again, to all contributors to the **Weekly Report** for the masses of news and info sent in each week.

The WEEKLY

REPORT

ANORAKS

The First with the News in Print

No. 178.....27th September 1987.

P.O. Box 539, BLACKPOOL FY1 4RE, England.

Every week we seem to be able to come up with some anniversary or other, and this week is no exception, when Sunshine Radio in Dublin celebrates 7 years on the air. It was on Monday 29th September 1980 that the station first commenced official programmes, following tests the previous day (28th) and two weeks before (14th). It was on this latter date that the aerial mysteriously 'collapsed' during the night and the project was almost aborted completely. However, thanks to Robbie Robinson (Dale) the whole thing went ahead and became the first Irish superpirate, leading the way for others to follow at a later date. The station continues to be a major force in radio in Ireland today, and recent surveys tell us that it is still No. 1, as it was, way back in 1980. We wish them many happy returns and look forward to reporting about them for many years to come.

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ANORAKS U.K. INFO - LINE is in operation at all times. To hear the latest news up - dates, in a three minute taped message, ring (0795) 511118. If you wish to leave any news, simply dial (0795) 511119 and leave the message, but do remember to tell us if you don't want your name mentioning, and please note that we cannot handle subscription and merchandise enquiries, as the line is not operated from Blackpool.

NEW MERCHANDISE. Nothing new this week, but with the changing radio conditions, a quick mention for our famous **Medium Wave Loop/ Frame Aerials.** From a mess of noise and interference, more often than not, the loop will produce a listenable signal. In fact, Caroline 558 is virtually in - audible here in Blackpool, during the day, but by simply standing a loop next to the set, the station comes in loud and clear. People purchasing loops find a whole new world of medium wave listening opening up. We have stacks ready for instant despatch, and the current cost is £28.00. An amount well worth investing, we feel. This week is your final chance to take advantage of special offers made as a result of the recent Driftback 20 Convention. All offers have been listed in the weekly reports since the event. The same applies to the T - Shirt offer, any three of any design for just £11.95. T - Shirt prices will shortly have to be raised to £6.00 due to manufacturers increases.

NEW ARRIVALS. **Play - DX** Issue 473. 6 x A4 sides of logs and news about those more difficult to receive stations. Mainly printed in English, details can be obtained from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy, enclosed an IRC or some station stickers..... **Now Radio** Issue 36, was next to arrive. 28 pages of general news and revelations in this latest edition. £1 will obtain a sample copy from Now Radio, P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 ONW..... **Radiotelex**, Issue 107 arrived late due the editor being ill, we are told, but the 6 x A5 pages were worth the wait, we must add. A must for SW listeners. Details of subscriptions from RT c/o Postbus 103771, D - 2800 Bremen 1, West Germany. RT wish to publish Sundays if at all possible and need one or two loggers to telephone in their logs. We will gladly swap logs with them, for both RT and WR use, so RT may care to write to us on this matter. Anyone else wishing to co - operate may wish to drop them a line, requesting their tel. no.

TAPE OFFER. Three more special tapes this week, to celebrate the seventh birthday of **Sunshine Radio** in Dublin. All three tapes are from the early days of the 80's and feature segments of complete programmes. Tape 100 features the highly popular Peter Madison. Tape 101 features station owner, Robbie Dale and Tape 102 sees everyone's favourite, John Lewis, with his friendly style of presenting. Sunshine Radio was only on 531 kHz.AM at this time, hence all these tapes are AM recordings, but quality is still good however. Priced, as always, are £2.00 per each C.90 cassette.

GENERAL INTEREST. Edwin in Hampshire informs us that on Tuesday 29th September, Radio 210 in Reading will have a programme devoted to Offshore Radio. (Hopefully the post will be quick this week, so 'WR' will arrive in time for people to read this and find out about the show). This is apparently part of a series called 'Silicone Valley' which is aired each Tuesday at 19:30. On 6th October, the show

is devoted to American Radio. Frequencies of Radio 210 are 97.0MHz., 102.9MHz. and 1431kHz. medium wave.

We were not the only people to get confused with dates last week (see m.v. Communicator section: first sentence should have read Tuesday 15th, not Thursday), the post office people franked the 'WR' envelopes with Saturday's date (we had not even written it then!).

'New World' stations were mentioned to look out for in last week's issue, and on Thursday evening, a pleasant hour was spent from 23:00 till 24:00, lying in bed, with a pair of headphones plugged into a simple 'tranny' and one of our loops, tuned to 930kHz., **CJYQ** from St. John's, Newfoundland. Reception for that hour was very good and a pleasing selection of music was heard from their 'something old, something new' format. Despite the strength of this signal, very little else was coming through on the band, with the exception of 590 (VOCM) and 1610kHz.(Atlantic Beacon).

FOR SALE. A very good quality copy of a jingle package, with a station name of QBS and frequency of 97.5MHz. There are 22 jingles, 9 name checks, plus music and intro's for news etc. Contact Michael Cahill, 8 Rockboro Avenue, Old Blackrock Road, Cork, Eire.

FOR SALE. Finnish Free Radio, **Right Wing Radio**, now have RWR T Shirts for sale. The shirt is white and it has the black RWR logo printed in A4 size. Medium, large and extra large are available... send £6.00 or 40 Finnish Marks (includes postage and packing) to, RWR, P.O. Box 220342, D - 5600 Wuppertal 22, West Germany.

RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND.

Co. DUBLIN. A change around of staff on **Q 102** brought Aidan Lennard to the fore on Breakfast on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, although the real reason for the absence of Scott Williams was the fact that his wife had just given birth to their third child, a son named Simon, so, congratulations to Karen and Scott from all at A - UK. The changes continued and the full weekday line - up emerged complete on Thursday and now reads as follows..... 06:00 Scott Williams, 09:00 Jason Maine, 12:00 Dave Kelly, 15:00 Gareth O'Callaghan, 19:00 Greg Gaughran, 00:00 John Power for the holidaying Al Dunne. The big acquisition here being Gareth from **Energy Power 103**, who has now strengthened the team considerably and allowed most D.J.'s to have a three hour show, instead of four. The reason for the move was simply a better offer, we understand. News this week is being read by Eileen Whelan in the mornings, in place of Brian Jennings who is also holidaying, and Anne Cassin in the afternoon. News bulletins can now be heard on the half hour throughout the day, which means that Dublin listeners if they wish, can hear three news broadcasts each hour, **Sunshine 101** at about ten past the hour, **Q** at half past and **Energy**, conventionally, on the hour. Weekend shows of note include Jason Maine's 'Solid Gold Sunday' from 10:00 until 16:00.

Additionally, at the weekend, Joe Harrington can be heard on Breakfast, and Moira O'Neil on news. Tomorrow sees the return of the popular feature 'I Hate That' during the Breakfast/Eye in the Sky link - ups. Someone will ring in with his or her pet hate and join in the banter between studio and helicopter.

Over at **Energy Power 103**, the departure of Gareth and the holidaying Tony McKenzie, has left the presentation side a bit thin this week, with several spells of 'clutter free' noted. Cassidy Jones has moved to drive - time and weekender, Noel Clancey has been heard during the day. The only two shows un - affected are Pat and Bob's Breakfast Club and John O'Hara's evening programme. Having said that, Energy still come out tops with news, Bob Gallico, of course, playing a major part in that role. The 738kHz. transmitter seems to be suffering somewhat with a hum, and also is on much lower power than of late. Certainly with Winter now on its way, the signal is starting to disappear in Blackpool as soon as dusk approaches.

A spelling mistake in last week's report was spotted by numerous Irish readers. Under the **Liberties 104** piece, the girl's name, Sinead, was incorrectly spelt. Apologies for this. The station is trying to help to raise £150,000 for a bone marrow transplant, in the USA, for this 9 month's old girl. Anyone wishing to donate should ring Sammy Prendergast on Dublin (01) 538870.

John in Dundalk reports hearing **Dundrum Community Radio** on 94.8Mhz., despite **KLAS 98** still announcing both 98.5 and 94.8Mhz. We will check this one out in the days to come (conditions permitting, of course!).

Co. LOUTH. **Boyneside Radio North** have moved frequency of their 98.2MHz.transmitter, to 97.75MHz. Popular presenter with 'border - based' **Zee 103**, Owen Barry, has recently married, we understand, and moved down to Cork to live with his wife. He is due to commence work on **Radio ERI** in the city, very shortly. We wish Owen all the best for the years to come.

Co. MONAGHAN. After a long period on 1413kHz., **Big M Radio** were heard on Thursday (24th September) announcing that this service would be changing frequency to 936kHz., during that very afternoon. However after extensive listening, no change was noted by the time the foreign stations appeared at dusk, and indeed at the time of writing, the station is still on 1413kHz. The change will not only give Big M both AM frequencies fairly close to each other (954 and 936kHz.) to avoid confusing the listener, but will also widen the coverage area East towards Dundalk, and South towards Carrickmacross. FM frequencies remain the same on 99.0 and 105.0MHz., the latter being audible here on most days, with a good antenna.

Co. DONEGAL. **W.A.B.C.** commenced regular broadcasts on 16th September, however they are currently only using FM, at 106.0MHz. They beam signals into the North from Inishowen Head, at the very tip of Lough Foyle. An AM channel is to follow soon. A big lightning strike hit this area on Tuesday 22nd September, and as a result **Radio North** (846kHz.), **W.A.B.C.** and RTE were all missing from the air during the afternoon. **W.A.B.C.** was still off the following morning.


OFFSHORE GENERAL. A number of readers have been tuning around the band looking for tests from the Communicator, only to turn up on 675kHz., listening to 'Radio Veronica', and getting themselves confused. The current Radio Veronica on 675kHz., is not an offshore radio station. The offshore Radio Veronica (1562kHz. and later 557kHz.) closed down in 1974 when the Dutch introduced their own version of the Marine Offences Act. Since then, the Veronica Omreop Organisatie (V.O.O.), along with other broadcasting groups, has obtained air - time on both radio and TV. The actual number of hours allotted to any group, depends on the number of members. We hope this clears up any mis - understanding.

Brian in Humberside recently received a letter from the DTI regarding Roughts Tower. It states 'At no time have the British Government recognised, nor do they intend to recognise the so - called "Principality" (of Sealand)'. Brian wonders whether this is why transmissions have yet to materialise?

CAROLINE / m.v. Ross Revenge. Radio Finland continued to operate with high power throughout the week on 963kHz., and we now assume that their foreign service is permanently on 600kW. From letters and calls received, severe problems have already been encountered in most areas, and apparently even in East London, listening to **Viewpoint 963** can be difficult at times. Finland appeared to be reduced power,

or on the original power (they have always used 963kHz. for their foreign service, it is not a new channel for them), on Friday evening, and lo and behold, what should we hear, but Caroline 558 on 963kHz! This did not last long unfortunately, and **Viewpoint** soon returned. Possibly a wrong switch had been thrown at tape change time. Yet more problems could be on the horizon, judging by a recent article in the Dublin Evening Herald (see this week's cuttings sheet). It appears that complaints about the 'splatter' from Radio Caroline onto RTE Radio 1, has now reached the European Parliament, and efforts are being made by Euro M.P., Niall Andrews to gather support from other member countries. This could fall on deaf ears however, as the English will probably be more bothered about the impending onslaught of RTE /Luxembourg into the advertising revenue of the IBA stations. We hope this will be so! One other interesting point here. We wonder whether RTE have also complained about the severe interference caused to their Radio 2 on 612kHz. after dark, by a purpose built jamming station. We believe that this may be due to some Middle Eastern country jamming its neighbour. However it also makes listening to RTE Radio 2, here in Blackpool, impossible on most nights.

On to Radio Caroline now, and the line - up at the beginning of the week was as we left it in the last issue. However on Wednesday, the newest member of the team, Chris Kennedy, changed spots with Andy Robin. This remained for the rest of the week, and gave the line - up as... 05:00 Peter Philips... 09:00 Jackie Lee... 13:00 Tony Peters... 17:00 Chris Kennedy... 21:00 Andy Robin... 01:00 Closedown. Not a lot to report here, as the station seems to be chugging away quite happily, with few problems. As the nights draw in however, the reception area is reducing, and we now have difficulty listening after 19:30. A new promotion for the latest Caroline Rock Show is being aired at the moment, but very few new commercials have been heard recently. Lotto 6-49 must still be paying its way, as the adverts are re - newed quite regularly. Lotto has has had some bad publicity recently, notably in Private Eye. However, one subscriber has won the \$10 prize several times, so it certainly seems to be just 'sour grapes' with someone. We re - print some details received about it below.

BET

CANADA Bet Canada Box 5555, Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6B 4B5

Dear LOTTO Player:

Congratulations! You have just won \$10.00.

Enclosed is your prize cheque.

You can use this cheque as part-payment for another entry in Lotto 6/49. Just sign the back and return the cheque to us with a cheque/money order for £10 and you have another 13 chances of becoming a millionaire.

We enclose a new entry-form and list of winning numbers for the past few draws.

You have won once, you could easily win again - the next time it could be a million!

Again, our congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely,
BET CANADA

m.v. Communicator. As usual, there are lots of rumours flying around suggesting that the ship will re - commence broadcasts on 1st October. However, this seems a little optimistic at the moment, and we hear that work on erecting a substantial aerial system will take three weeks at the minimum. This will take any on - air date into late October. The name Laser is thought by many, likely to be dropped. However this would seem folly, considering that 'Hot Hits' T - Shirts and the Communicator club goods have just been despatched within the past few weeks, together with letters saying that the station would be back on, and to listen out for Communicator Club numbers. But then who knows in this crazy world of offshore radio!

LAND - BASED STATIONS (Foreign)PORTUGAL. A letter in from Julian Cole, owner of **Solar FM** gives us a bit of insight into how this English speaking station is doing in Southern Europe... "Back in June, **Solar Radio** was one year old, and to celebrate, we held our 'Sunset Cruise Party', which as the name implies, was a cruise of about 4 hours duration (including sunset), aboard a superb yacht. Food, a huge cake and Beckers Beer were all donated free by local businesses. Listeners were invited along, and we broadcast live from the boat for the whole of the cruise. The event was a tremendous success, and all money raised by the birthday cruise was donated to charity, namely the Santa Casa homes for underprivileged children.

Solar radio has now finally begun its long awaited Medium Wave service. Low power experimental broadcasts began at the beginning of September on 207 metres /1449kHz. It is our intention to develop and expand out MW service to cover most, or all of the Algarve with a good signal.

Our FM service continues on 90.5MHz., but the transmitter location will soon change to a new and much better one, with a large new mast, and improved antenna array, which is now nearly completed. Situated on the top of a tall concrete water - tower structure on a hill-top. Permission to build this new antenna was obtained in writing from Albufeira's Local Council! Apparently, the mayor of the town is a keen listener to our still 'technically' illegal broadcasts!

We have now received and installed our satellite receiving system. This fabulous piece of apparatus gives us a direct link with news agencies in the U.K. and U.S.A., as well as BBC television and a studio feed from the BBC World Service. Thanks to Steve and Hugh of 'Algersat' for their assistance with this.

In addition, we now have a 24 hour telex - teleprinter link with the Portuguese news agency 'Lusa'. The address of the station is Solar Radio Algarve, 55 Centro Comercial, Vila Magna - Montechoro, 8200 Albufeira, Algarve, Portugal. Telephone from the U.K. is 010 351 89 54353."

Many thanks to Julian for the above interesting information.



LAND - BASED STATIONS. MERSEYSIDE. Even less activity was monitored from the area this week, with only **Radio Atlantis** (976kHz.) being heard on Monday morning, and throughout the afternoon. Neither Slag Off International nor DTI - FM were heard last Sunday night, although we were informed later in the week, that DTI - FM have now closed down, and will not be heard again. Another station is going to use their transmitter however, (Wirral Free Radio) on 106.2MHz, so look out on that frequency, possibly on 2nd October. DTI - FM were never raided, although they have had several 'close shaves' with what was presumed to be Department of Trade officials.



Tim Jackson, in his notes on activity in the area, reports hearing a test transmission for **Wirral Community Radio**, on 106.2MHz., on Saturday evening (19th). Announcer Phil Smith mentioned that the new station would open on 3rd October. Tim also heard **Veronica International**, on 1413kHz., last Sunday (20th).

On Friday, lack of time prevented much station

searching and we noticed no broadcasts from this area. However, one of our local reporters tells us he definitely heard **North Coast Radio** around midday, on 1350kHz., giving out the usual address. Later in the day, a caller in Liverpool told us that **Radio Atlantis** were actually back on the air, on 1197kHz. this time. Listening on Saturday confirmed this, and a reasonable signal was heard here in Blackpool. This frequency is rather cluttered, with Telstar Radio in Dundalk, clearly audible, Waterford Local Radio and several BBC Radio 3 relays. Even so, we could listen quite easily until dusk. The station was also announcing 96.25MHz. in stereo, although nothing was heard here. The music content seems to have gradually gone from rock to disco / Top 40 over the past weeks. Whether this is due to the DTI stealing all the best records during the recent raids, we are not sure! Reported Saturday, but again, not heard by us, was **Eastham Community Radio** on 105.0MHz.

A call in during the week from Phil Davis of **Liverpool Pirate Radio** informed us that he had just received his summons. This is as a result of the DTI raid way back on 10th May. The date for the case is Wednesday 14th October, and everyone's support is required at Liverpool Magistrates at 10:00. We wish Phil the best of luck. **L.P.R.** continues to be heard most Sundays around lunchtime on 1400kHz., although the signal is much weaker than in May, when the station was raided. Yet another caller in the vicinity, rang this morning and said that a new station was being received, on the off channel frequency of 1129kHz., announcing 1134kHz. and test transmissions. We tuned in and duly received said transmissions. The signal was quite strong but the off channel frequency was causing a rather nasty heterodyne whistle. We think the station had just appeared this morning, and as we listened, non stop music was noted, but later programmes materialised and the station identified as **Weekend Music Radio**. A Steve Collins and a Tony Johnson were both heard presenting programmes, along with another familiar voice which was heard on the promos. Also heard today was **Radio Veronica 104**, on 104.75Mhz., over lunchtime, with a reasonably good signal here in Blackpool and **Radio Atlantis** on 1197kHz. **YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE and DERBYSHIRE.** In Leeds, both **ABC FM** (94.6) and **Music City Radio** (90.2) have now increased the number of hours and days they are broadcasting. Monday (21st) saw both stations on the air at the same time, and ABC were even heard with a breakfast show the following morning. Both stations cover a wide range of black music, which is not covered by the existing legal stations. ABC - FM use an address of ABC, c/o One Stop Music, 259 Chapeltown Road, Leeds. Community news and announcements, as well as adverts for certain new records can be heard over both frequencies..

Rebel Radio (105.3) are still heard in the South Yorkshire area and seem to be into competitions. As well as on - air competitions, one of our readers has received a Bingo Card from the station. Games for Friday 25th September, and 2nd October were printed on the same card, as well as the following inscription... "Tune to 105.3 MHz VHF/FM every Friday night from 7pm through to 10pm to win BIG PRIZES. Ring REBEL RADIO and state your card number to claim when you get a full house."

In North Derbyshire, **Radio Nemesis** (105.1) were on the air last Sunday from about 13:30 until they suddenly disappeared at 14:10. No more details are known about this.

In Bradford, **Radio Veronica** were only heard last Sunday (20th) on 104.95MHz. Reports indicated a few audio problems. They were not heard on Wednesday night. **Soundwaves 105** have been on the air however, and in fact were heard on two evenings, Monday and Tuesday. Their format is mainly rock music, and the frequency is 105MHz. **HAMPSHIRE.** **Channel Radio** were heard and reported on the air this morning, on 1143kHz. Transmissions commenced at 11:00, but went off at 11:45. The station announces 263m.

THE MIDLANDS AREA. **Radio PCRL** have been noted as usual once again, on 103.65mHz. **Second City Radio** returned to the air last night, on a new frequency of 95.1MHz. A carrier was also heard this morning, although no programmes ensued. **Wrekin Radio** was also noted, this morning, on 105.05MHz., along with **Soul City Radio** who made their regular Sunday morning broadcast on 103.8MHz. **Sunshine Radio** from Ludlow appear to have increased power somewhat, and the signal was clearly audible at 50 miles, according to one caller, and indeed, here in Blackpool, well over 100 miles away, today, on 1017kHz.

LONDON. Sid has a well earned break for the coming two weeks, but here is his report for the weekend of 18th - 20th September.... "Touched down on 21 stations, with 8 in stereo and one new one, **Melody FM** (102.6MHz. weekends). Busted : **C.D.R.** (88.7) and **Phase 1** (91.00). Missing, presumed busted :- **Solar 93** (93.05 stereo weekends) and **Raiders FM** (97.7 weekends). Missing / Not Heard :- Quest FM (back in mid - October in new slot), London Rock (105.00), Clockwork Wireless (89.95 stereo - Sundays) and S.W. Sound (105.25 stereo - Friday).

As the unaccustomed heat of the dog days of Summer, melt down into the coming Autumn, the accompanying high pressure brings back the French invasion. A number of stations were affected including **Traffic Jam** (98.07) and **City Radio** (94.5) who seemed to be particularly badly hit.

'Musical differences' in the expanded ranks of **Rock FM** (94.3 stereo - Sunday) are reported, as co - founder Clare Mansfield and others depart to wavelengths new, with plans for a competing rock format station due on air within a few weeks..

Raiders FM (97.7 - weekends) were missing Friday night and presumed busted. They returned on low power on Sunday, which tends to confirm the original prognosis. Reception was not helped by the prevailing FM conditions, or coming on 97.7, which is adjacent to Chiltern Radio on 97.6MHz, and may prove counter productive in the long run. They have been on 97.8 which gave good all round reception, and 97.9 which blanked out **Traffic Jam** (98.0). Still running a mix of live and taped shows, with tapes being re - runs of shows that have been on earlier in the day. Notable this week, has been Ray Thompson who has been putting in long hours. Recommended are Ray Thompson and Lyn Jones' 'Thompson and Jones Show' late on a Sunday night, who have a special chemistry working for them.

Also in a dodgy slot are the re - located **TKO** (102.4 stereo), who spread right across ILR Essex Radio (102.5), who are already sensitive to the pirate activity of Caroline, and are thought to be concerned about having one of the London mega pirates land on their doorstep.

A.R.L. (90.5) have re - located, logically enough, in the spot vacated by **TKO**, now that **TKO** have touched down on 102.4.

Just up from **TKO** was heard **Melody FM** (102.6), for the first time this Saturday (19th September), although reports of their activity have been circulated before. They format a wide variety of black music.

Sina Radio International (SRI 90.8), now better known to readers as 'Swingin' Radio India', were heard in English on Friday night (18th) with a discussion on education which also took in various aspects of the Dewesbury affair. **B.G.C.R.** now seem to have settled on 104.2MHz. and on occasions are 24 hours, with no known busts as yet! This must be a record for a Bubble station.

The next London survey will cover the weekend of 9/12th October, as we're off on our annual trek to seek adventure on a sunny Tunisian island. Last year in North Africa, we had 'Overdrive' coming through on a number of occasions, as well as London's capital radio on 1548kHz. We shall of course check out the wavenbands to see whether any shortwave transmissions of Caroline are receivable, as well as trying again for V.O.P., and the ex - patriot service in English from Tripoli. Details of any successes will follow in issue dated 12th or 19th October"

In addition to Sid's information, South Surrey Monitoring inform us that **RJR** is due to move frequency from 90MHz., up to 105.5MHz. We hope they don't suffer as many raids as the Greek stations did in that area of the band. After a series of raids, **Community Development Radio** (88.7) is lying low until the heat is off. Also lying low is **Solar 93** after being subjected to 4 raids in as many weeks. **LWR** is apparently going to put yet another relay on 92.4MHz, this time for the Redhill/Crawley area. Their other two outlets are currently 92.1 (Croydon) and 91.9 (Epsom).

ESSEX and the SOUTH COAST AREA. Latest information from the Southend region gives the following stations on the air.... **Radio Activity** operate each Sunday between 15:00 and 17:00 on two frequencies of 92.9 and 104.8MHz. Their address is A.P.R., 14a Rochford Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex. Heard on Saturday 12th September was **Southend Community Radio** on 90.9MHz. They also identify as S.C.R., and broadcast in stereo. Finally, a rather surprising station to be heard in Southend recently, on Sunday 13th September

was **A.B.C. Radio**. They operated between 19:00 and 21:00 on 105.3MHz., but only in mono. An address was given out of P.O. Box 629, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN23 7ST. In actual fact, this station operates each Sunday evening from 19:00 onwards, from East Sussex, and changed back to Sunday evening broadcasts following a spell of Monday evenings on 97.8MHz. The signal from its 65 watt transmitter seems to cover a 100 mile radius, and many reports of it have been received by us from all parts of South - East England. Since the change back to Sunday, the response, in terms of phone calls has more than doubled. This evenings Andy Ellis programme, is to have recent Radio Caroline presenter Simon West as a guest. Whilst not on board the Ross, Simon intends to join the programme schedule of A.B.C. Radio. Radio Atlantis is also expected to return to the air this evening on 105MHz. The format here is mainly rock music, and they use the same address as A.B.C. Radio.

RENFREWSHIRE. The DTI were active once again, in this area, this past week. On Monday 21st, **Radio Unicorn** signed on as normal at 21:30, however, at 22:59, the station left the air, mid - record. At this point, three DTI officials and three local policemen raided the station, which was located in a van on a high point. Just one member of the station was interviewed with a view to prosecution, he being, "Super Dude" Alan Jones. The station had given out a new address during the evening's broadcast. It was P.O. Box 59, Glasgow. Once again, the raid on the station brought to an end all free radio activity in the area until today, when **Neon Community Radio** commenced normal Sunday programmes, on 103.9MHz., at 13:00. Neon's shows this afternoon were... 13:00 Bill Spear, 13:45 Paul White, 14:30 Riverside Community Show and at 15:00 The Anorak Half Hour. At 15:32, at the start of the next show, the transmitter went off the air, mid - record. At this point we are not sure whether the DTI were responsible, however, it seems to follow a pattern that stations in this area are raided just around tape change time. Neon Radio also had a new address of 9b Herriott Court, Foxbar, Paisley.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS...Today's log (27th Sept. '87).

6200kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 09:28gmt.

6205kHz...UNID., at 12:25gmt.

6210kHz...R.T.R. INT., at 10:11gmt.

6210kHz...RADIO SCORPIO, at 11:27gmt.

6240kHz...RADIO MARABU, at 10:12gmt.

6240kHz...RADIO RAINBOW INT., at 11:05gmt.

6240kHz...BOYNESIDE RADIO, at 12:17gmt.

6270kHz...BORDER RADIO, at 11:30gmt.

6275kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 10:22gmt.

6280kHz...RADIO VALLERI, at 10:08gmt.

6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 12:10gmt.

6285kHz...W.M.R., at 10:50gmt.

6285kHz...W.L.R., at 12:32gmt.

6290kHz...RADIO ORION, at 09:31gmt.

6300kHz...SPECTRUM LEISURE COMM., at 09:23gmt.

6300kHz...BORDER RADIO, at 10:58gmt.

6304kHz...RADIO KRISTEL INT., at 09:42gmt.

6310kHz...RADIO INDIGO, at 09:02gmt.

6312kHz...RADIO IRELAND, at 11:00gmt.

6316kHz...C.L.C.G., at 09:38gmt.

6318kHz...RADIO STELLA INT., at 09:50gmt.

6476kHz...UNID., at 09:40gmt.

6850kHz...RADIO SKYWAVES INT., at 11:10gmt.

7361kHz...RADIO 101, at 09:48gmt.

Conditions on the bands today were poor initially, then average later, in fact, not a patch on last week's. Logs in **BOLD** are ours, here in Blackpool, others were kindly rung in on (0253) 882017 by loggers in the Midlands, Devon and Hampshire.

RTR INT., on 6210kHz. announced test transmissions. Radio Marabu was relayed by Radio Rainbow. Kristel and Spectrum were rather close together, causing some problems on less selective equipment. It was thought that Radio Indigo may have been relayed by Radio Ireland, although modulation, signal strength and indeed, the frequency, were all different, suggesting another transmitter(?). Slight confusion arose with Radio 101, which we heard identify. Another logger heard Radio Joystick(?).

Our thanks as ever, to all contributors to this week's issue. Please feel free to leave any quick messages of news and information on our new info - line number, based in the South East of England.